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editorial

Unless you are new to the place, it is very difficult to see Habs in perspective; to see it as peculiar as it really is. Practically everyone here is conditioned to some extent to traditions and regulations which go unquestioned, and most more or less conform, partly because of their background, and partly because they are satisfied with what the school gives them, even if it is only a place in a University or a Rugby Team. In general things stay more or less as they are, and people adapt to the institution rather than the institution adapting to people.

Certainly, however, the school has changed and is changing, but rather more superficially than is apparent. The virtues of the old public school still exist; boys are of a restricted social class, the pedigree is as important as the education and some parents regard the school as a kind of unathletic Golf Club. To depict this image various traditions largely irrelevant to education are maintained, uniforms and prefects for example, which give the school a sanctified military-academic atmosphere. Beyond this facade however the school's more important aspects, particularly master-pupil relationships and opportunities for self-expression are good, very good by comparison with most others. However, these virtues of an open-ended education towards an emotional as well as intellectual maturity are somewhat frustrated by the institutionalized traditions of the public school. This hinderance is perhaps most clearly seen in the imposition of dicipline.

Necessarily Habs is a totally undemocratic institution. Implicit in its function is a degree of inequality amongst its members which divides it into the teachers and the taught, the rulers and the ruled. Unfortunately, however, this distinction is marred by the definition of privileged and under-privileged minorities amongst the boys. Perhaps this power structure is inevitable, certainly it is imperfect. Regulations which appear irrelevant (dress-regulations, for example) and which are not universally applied, soon become almost universally flouted. Subsequently they are re-defined as deterrents rather than cast-iron rules, which has the unfortunate effect of necessitating victimization as the means of enforcement. When this in turn is administered by sixty apparently hypocritical prefects and sub-prefects from their lofty impersonal heights the situation becomes ugly. The prefects themselves find their limited powers of punishment are only self-defeating, while a substantial minority of the school revels in proving the point. Discord is effectively encouraged by a pre-definition of goodies and badies, and hostilities become based on impersonal criteria.

But the situation is not insoluble. Since the decay of institutional authority in the hands of the boys seems beyond cure then death might prove an easy solution, and since deterrents are only effective with those who wish to be deterred they might either be abolished or up-graded to rules. Either way fewer people would get guilty consciences about contravening rules they know to be absurd. Although nothing can hope to eliminate hostility within the school a more personal power-structure might at least reduce much which is at present self inflicted.

letter to the editors

Dear Editors,

Having read through the last Skylark I was astounded by the cynical approach to life put forward in the editorial and many of the poems. The surrealistic drawings also added to the general feeling of pointlessness in life that pervades the whole magazine. Such words as 'desolate', 'hollow', 'bleak', 'graveyard', 'boring' and 'nothing', appear throughout the magazine and give an insight into the 'philosophy of life' that seems to exist in the school. I have chosen the words 'philosophy of life' to express in the most general way what different people call religion, an understanding of the world, or man's role in life. I beg you to forgive the slowness of mind and failure to find the correct words of a person who finds little time at school to read poetry, to study literature and to write on philosophy but I hope that you will find something of interest in the way I view the ideas expressed in our school magazine.

It appears to me that the ills of the magazine are not only due to the many problems in producing it but mainly due to the general state of the school, which in turn is a reflection of the state of our society. It will probably be agreed that the editorial was somewhat 'garbled' at the best of times with the complete misuse of the word 'cynical' – surely 'sceptisism' is the word he should have used – but all the same it was possible to understand the point of view that was being put across. Without going into great detail it is my belief that the 'philosophy of life' of the school in general, and that reflected in the magazine, is a belief that life has little point, that the human body acts like a machine and that therefore there can be no ultimate values, and that ultimately life is to be endured while at the same time joy is sought. It is my contention that many of the poems support the view that these are the ideas of life that are in turn the bases of the theories, ideas and arguments of many members of Hab's.

It is currently the belief of people discussing education that it is possible to 'educate' someone without 'teaching' them. I am unhappy about the use of words but they are the words of someone who supports the view. By this it is meant that schools, will bring up students to 'think for themselves' without reflecting the views 'indoctrinated' into them by 'teachers'. In other words it is no longer believed that part of the business of education is to pass on wisdom gained through experience from the masters to the students, but is its job to give the students information and to help them to learn how to use their brains to use this information – or to help them to think for themselves. In science it has been realized for a long time that in letting the students learn for themselves it is necessary to give the students a considerable amount of guidance in their work, telling them, if necessary, that certain experiments they want to do will lead into a blind alley, whereas others will reap rewards.

Similarly in the field of English and General Philosophy. By all means let the student attempt to discover things for himself but the masters should be ever present to guide them in the experiments they want to do and in the experiments they ought not to do. Clearly this confers on the English master a great deal more responsibility than that incurred by the Science master, for he has to have a clearly defined 'philosophy of life'. I referred at the head of this paragraph in the field of English and General Philosophy. This therefore is open to all masters but I have pinpointed the English master because it is to him that the greatest responsibility falls. Whatever the English master may say about 'Freedom of thought' and 'avoiding indoctrination,' in actual fact his students inevitably inherit a certain amount of his philosophy of life. Talking to fourth and fifth forms and seeing their work makes this abundantly clear.

The general philosophy of the school, already referred to, can be seen to exist in many parts of our society. Much of contemporary poetry and many theatrical productions show this well. Thus it is little surprise that this philosophy exists strongly on the modern side of the school and often in a latent form on the science side. However when I referred earlier to justifying my use of the term 'the philosophy of life of Haberdashers School' I was not thinking solely of the masters but to a greater extent the boys. I hoped to show in my argument that whatever the philosophy of life of the masters, the same will be that of the students.

The present cynical philosophy together with the fact that English masters are very reluctant to give any advice on moral matters, or matters concerned with philosophy, to their students, has led to a situation where the students are starved of any real values or understanding of life and are therefore forced to return to the state of early man where he had no guidance on how to live his life but had to find out for himself. This is as ridiculous on the philosophic side of life as it is on the scientific side where the student might be asked to spend his life discovering the laws of gravity.

While I realize that scientific facts are concrete whereas it is very often difficult to find morals that should be adhered to, I believe that it is the business of man to find out what these philosophic ideals and moral guidelines are, and it is denying one's responsibilities to ignore these problems and to dream up arguments to avoid the necessity to hand on advice on how to live one's life.

I believe that our society and our school are in a great state of decay because people ignore these responsibilities both to themselves and to their children and their students. Ultimately my argument rests on the belief that no man can reach an understanding of life without having been brought up in an atmosphere where people have an enthusiastic approach to life rather than a morbid and cynical approach and where people feel it their duty to hand on their limited understanding. It is this building up of understanding over the generations that leads to a great society, and when the society reaches a peak, then the understanding is supreme and the works of art reflect this. Then onwards the understanding is garbled, sentimentalism sets in and the society begins to decline. The symptoms I have referred to in the school, show that our society indeed has reached a low ebb. The way to rebuild our society is not to fight in the streets, or to argue about different forms of government, but to set about the problem of devising a 'philosophy of life' for ourselves and for our society.

D.D. Clark-Lowes.

commendation day

Senior Commendation Day was held on Friday 27th September 1968 and was attended by the five hundred boys in the Senior part of the School and their parents. The Chair was taken by Mr. G.T. Bentley, Chairman of the School Governors.

The Headmaster, Dr. T.W. Taylor gave a Report, the details of which were printed in the Programme.

It had been a vintage year in the history of the School. A record number of eighteen Scholarships and Exhibitions had been won to the Universities and in the recently published national statistics the School had come sixth in the actual number of Awards and second in relation to the size of the Sixth Form. Altogether a hundred students had obtained places at Universities and Colleges of Higher Education. The Headmaster congratulated the students and the staff on these excellent results.

Attention was drawn to the variety of games, activities and societies which flourish in the School. In particular, the Headmaster referred to the excellent Cricket season. The First XI had not lost a single match except to the M.C.C. and had a most successful tour of the West Country at the end of the Summer Term. The Rifle Club also distinguished itself at Bisley and won a number of trophies and medals, two of its members had been chosen to represent Great Britain in Canada during the summer vacation. The Headmaster thanked the students and the staff who organise the innumerable extra-curricula activities which greatly enrich the life of the School.

During the year the School had collected £485 for a variety of charities. The Headmaster welcomed the increasing amount of personal service given by the students to hospitals, old people, childrens' play grounds etc.

The Headmaster welcomed representatives of the Old Haberdashers' Association – in particular Mr. E. Cinnamon (the President for 1967/68) Mr. J. Alexander (President Elect for 1968/69), Mr. K. Blessley and Rev. A. Montgomery Mann.

The Headmaster reported the recent staff changes and referred to the tragic death of Mr. R.A. Lewin, the Second Master, on the 12th February 1968. Mr. Lewin joined the staff of the School in 1943 as acting Senior History Master; in 1947 he became Master in charge of the Preparatory Department in Mill Hill. When the School moved to Elstree in 1961, he became House Master of Hendersons and in 1964 Second Master of the School. Mr. Lewin was a distinguished Historian and he took a keen interest in Cricket and Rugby Football. The School had lost a great Schoolmaster.

The Headmaster reported the success of the Building Appeal which had been launched in January 1968 to raise £150,000 to build the new Library and Teaching Blocks. In the first phase of the Appeal to parents and friends of the School £90,000 had been raised. Dr. Taylor thanked them for their great generosity and hoped that the second phase of the Appeal directed to Old Haberdashers, former parents and other friends of the School would be equally successful In particular, he thanked Air Vice-Marshal King, the Resident Campaign Director, who had organised the Appeal so efficiently.

In view of the success of the Appeal, the School Governors had decided to proceed immediately with the construction of the new Library, the Foundation Stone of which was to be laid later on that afternoon.

In conclusion Dr. Taylor thanked all who had made the School so successful during this vintage year. In particular, he paid tribute to Miss J.K. Pridmore who had been School Secretary since 1928 and had rendered outstanding service to the School for forty years. Dr. Taylor also welcomed Miss Harold, Headmistress of the Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls, who was retiring after twenty five years' service. He thanked her also for her co-operation in the many joint activities of the two Schools and wished both Miss Harold and Miss Pridmore every happiness in their retirement.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. G.T. Bentley, congratulated the Headmaster upon his excellent Report and thanked the staff, students and their parents for their devoted service to the School. He then welcomed the Guest of Honour, the Very Reverend Martin Sullivan, Dean of St. Paul's and invited him to distribute the Special Prizes and the House Trophies and to speak to the School.

The Dean introduced himself by talking in a very witty way about his own School in New Zealand, his own performance in Rugby Football and his special interest in Cricket.

The theme of his talk was "the Seven Lamps of Education" and he held the attention of the whole audience by his pointed remarks about Worship, Reverence, Work, the right use of Leisure, Discipline, Chivalry and above all Service.

The Master of the Haberdashers' Company, Sir Ian Frank Bowater, D.S.O., who had earlier inspected the Guard of Honour provided by the Navy, Army and Air Force sections of the School's Combined Cadet Force, then laid the Foundation Stone of the New Library Block in the presence of the assembled company. A silver trowel was presented to him by Mr. L.R. Pitt, Director of Gilbert Ash Co., Ltd., — the contractors for the new building which it is hoped will be in use early in 1969.

VISIT OF H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET.

On May 9th H.R.H. Princess Margaret visited the school in her capacity as Honorary liveryman of the Haberdashers' Company. She saw examples of work in many departments of the school and talked to both boys and masters. A report of this occasion will appear in our next issue.

A TIME FOR GROWING

For the school concert this year, the school combined with Henrietta Barnet Girls' School and Francis Bacon Grammar School St. Albans in a performance of a new work by Antony Hopkins, A Time for Growing. The work was performed on 1st April at the Albert Hall to mark the ninetieth birthday of Sir Robert Mayer, founder of the Youth and Music Organisation. A review will appear in our next issue.

choice

The following article is the third in our series designed to give members of the staff an opportunity to write on subjects which are of particular interest to them.

In 1212 thousands of children set out on a Crusade to the Holy Land. They had plenty of banners and slogans. None came back, mainly because those whom they trusted sold them as slaves or killed them to take their pocket money. All the generations of boys whom I have watched grow up in the last half-century have faced one main problem: whom to trust, what authority to accept. Many have the quaint delusion that no authority is needed because everyone can think out his own opinions: but we have neither the facts, nor the techniques of thought, nor the freedom from emotional bias to have opinions of our own on more than a very few topics. We can all see that this is true of other people: it is also true of ourselves. How do we choose the people whose opinions we borrow?

Beware of short cuts. People are not trustworthy merely because they have much hair or little hair, nice voices or rough ones, pleasant or bad manners. Beware of general terms or labels like "academic freedom", "human rights", "democracy", "independence". Try to break them down into details: who is to be free to do what, and why? Avoid using "traditional", "old-fashioned", "reticent", "inhibited" as if they automatically condemned or justified.

That parliamentary government works at all shows that people do acquire a kind of sixth sense enabling them to judge between the people who offer to lead them. It ought to work much better in so far as society now permits more people to have the means of forming opinions — income, leisure, education. But are they using these means? Misguided loyalty, counter-productive energy, diffused righteous indignation are as common as ever. Heroism is still cheap, commonsense is rare.

E.M.W.

Twelfth Night

After enjoying immensely a production upon which more skill, care and time had been lavished than can be guessed at by most of us, it is not easy for a reviewer to know where to start. Perhaps I could begin with the programme, which introduced the play as a comedy not far removed in time or mood from *Hamlet*, an escape to a world of revelry where the "fun" is constantly interrupted by wistfulness, where key characters in the play find themselves estranged by the strength of their feelings from the folly that infects the others, echoing perhaps, as Auden suggested, Shakespeare's own "puritannical aversion to all those pleasing illusions which men cherish and by which they live their lives."

This interpretation was brought out by the producers with sensitivity and imagination. Thus at the beginning of the play the order of the first two scenes was reversed and after thunder and then music evocative of a miraculous calm dawn the curtain rose to reveal Orsino's court silhouetted magically and still as Viola arrived and was introduced to the strange new land, the contrast between the statuesque fairy-tale court and the hushed, exhausted survivors from the wreck making well the point of Viola's arriving as a stranger in this world. Later, we had the same music for the arrival of Sebastian and Antonio, thus linking them with Viola, and Gordon Maclaren and the producers succeeded in giving Antonio an authentically passionate note reminiscent of Viola and in pointing his significance by having Orsino and Viola lift him up in the last exit, leaving him finally to exchange a deep look with Feste and go off sadly and alone in the opposite direction to Sebastian, a moment that was heightened by the contrast between the excited merriment of the court and the wistful mood of Feste's last song which reminded us again that joy is a fleeting moment in a life dominated by wind, rain and the passing of time.

Margot Roberts gave an earnest and pleasing performance as Viola, in key with this view of the play. Her Viola was moved by deep emotions: her sorrow for her lost brother, her love for the unloving Duke, the ambiguity of her relationship with Olivia, all seemed strongly and deeply felt. There was little attempt to make her situation seem less real or threatening, however ironic, or to show her shrugging off the difficulties with detachment or mock desperation. For her position is too serious: it is in a wide sense that of the unwilling duellist, caught up in a grim revelry whose humour escapes her, bound to hurt those to whom she would do no harm or to be hurt by those who wish her no ill. After seeming crushed by the events and emotions which had mockingly overtaken her, the smiles and joy of her reconciliation with Sebastian struck a genuinely joyful note, perhaps more so than her betrothal to the Duke.

Jonathan Tecks played well a languid, bored Orsino, an interpretation which fitted aptly Olivia's opinion of his self-centredness and was nicely revealed in the gesture of his gazing in a mirror as he spoke to the neglected Viola of "the constant image of the creature that is beloved". This Orsino was impressive, but unlovable, and had Cupid not shot blindly, Viola would surely have been spared from falling for him. However, we saw clearly the beginnings of his interest in Viola in beautifully judged pauses around her "Sir, shall I to my lady?", in the anger of his rounding on the friend who had apparently betrayed him, and when all had been explained we saw an Orsino of some warmth and charm. One must commend the courtiers also for the way they supported the Duke throughout with an atmosphere of luxurious indolence, acting with smooth formality and dignity, and yet without obtruding.

Mrs. Walker's beautiful costume designs evoked delightfully a vaguely 18th century world, blending fantasy, history and legend as the setting of the play does, and were reminiscent of Watteau courtiers in pictures characterised also by the combination of melancholy with heady gaiety. Generous hard work by the costume makers had provided changes of costume which were all important in describing the changing fortunes of Olivia and Malvolio, while the

contrast in costume as in manner between Viola's deliberate movements and subdued dress and the mannered routines and gaudy turquoise of the court was most helpful in pointing Viola's character and the impression she makes on Orsino.

Mr. Cartwright's fine set and the planning of the action conveniently associated Orsino's court with the cage-like cubicle for the throne standing stage right, a kind of cage of self-deception in which both Orsino and Malvolio are literally or figuratively imprisoned – for it converted to form the prison, and also, appropriately enough, to form the garden gates through which Olivia, happily blinded by love, leads Sebastian. On the other side of the stage a pattern of trellis arches provided the setting for Olivia's scenes and good cover for Sir Toby and his companions in the eavesdropping scene. All parties used to good effect the splendidly robust steps and balustrade, whose firm line on the empty cyclorama was softened by fronds of vegetation and a silhouetted Cupid.

Mary Faulkener was a convincing Olivia, progressing from a solemn first entry with increasing gaiety to a portrayal of almost reckless passion, yet maintaining throughout a note of authority suited to Olivia's position and responsibilities. Her playing of the Sebastian scenes was particularly impressive in that it swept on above a Sebastian who was perhaps a little too knowingly opportunist in manner for the land of enchantment in which he now found himself, and a priest who, as a caricature in rather unsubtle taste, threatened to make a mockery of the match that meant so much to her. Olivia's relationship with Malvolio was well drawn; from a trust and confidence in her Steward which did not exclude a certain exasperation at his self-importance, she moved to understandable alarm and concern for him in his apparent madness, and her final "Prithee be content" to him offered genuine forgiveness.

As Malvolio David Templer gave a most polished and entertaining performance. He moved beautifully and certainly seemed a man who would have spent hours in the sun practising behaviour to his shadow. Bursting with self-esteem, he had the walk and the gestures of a conceited and self-important person, though we saw his authority as well as his exaggeration of it. Looking perhaps younger than he was, it was understandable that vanity was a spur to his ambition; he played the letter scene delightfully and with great precision. I admired his interpretation particularly because, with much that was plausible, realistic and logical, the actor and producers had so boldly tilted the part towards caricature and burlesque at moments, and yet were able to discover sufficient of a new, fundamental dignity to make his "Madam, you have done me wrong" a very moving line. Perhaps we could have been reminded a little more of the bearing of the original Malvolio without losing the comedy, perhaps dignity might have put up more of a fight before it was lost in the nightshirt scene. Certainly the very flexibility of this Malvolio and the actor's enjoyment of the part obscured what is apparently one of the main sources of wonder and amusement for those on stage, that is, the idea of a Malvolio who smiles; smiles did not seem particularly incongruous in this interpretation. More credit is due therefore for achieving in the last scene an excellent climax with Malvolio bent, exposed and freed from his self-conceit bursting in on the merry-making to deliver a curse which showed us for the moment that he was right, that though he had once been at home in the sober dignity of Olivia's household the spirit of Folly, the spell that had captured so many others, had made him an outcast.

A bustling and mischievous "femme d'intrigue", Maria was acted with great vivacity by Melanie Steyne, whose voice had a slightly rough edge which suited her part. Nigel Calvert's Sir Toby had great vigour and confidence, a dishevelled roister with the presence of mind to exploit the imposters who surround him, laughing in mock horror even as the angry Sebastian threatened him, but when he turned on Sir Andrew in the last scene we saw him revealed as a scowling and dangerous man whose self-confident ability to outplay the twists of fortune had suddenly deserted him. Gavin Wilson, in a delightfully appropriate costume, took perhaps a little longer to settle to a balance of caricature and realism in portraying Sir Andrew, but brought out well his comic naïvety and in a different key again achieved a commendable and amusing study of ambition, gullibility and pride.

If the intriguers are responsible for much of the plot of "Twelth Night", more of the meaning and atmosphere of the play is revealed in Feste who takes relatively little part in the moulding of events. Paul Marks moved and mimicked with agility, sang well and above all gave a sense of the insecurity of the entertainer, of one living on applause, yet risking his security with every pointedly truthful jest. Thus he moved from Olivia's court to Orsino's, carousing with Sir Toby and risking all to teach Malvolio a lesson, but finally retiring to a movingly solitary huddle while the others plotted Malvolio's downfall. The point was well made of his early quarrel with the unsmiling Malvolio, and his taunting of the Steward in Act IV and I brought out the contrast of personalities and opened his eyes to the revenges of "the whirligig of time". For all Feste's precariousness contrasts with the successful officiousness of Malvolio in Act I, Feste "corrupts words" and survives, whereas words corrupt Malvolio, who is ruined. Paul Marks carried particularly skilfully the conclusion of the play, mocking the fallen Malvolio and flinging the bandage from Cupid's eyes down at his feet as a challenge to remind him again of the unpredictability of the events which have overwhelmed him, to point again to the blindness of his former self-conceit.

Thus the Fool has insight denied to the wise, and one might echo Kent in *King Lear* that "this is not altogether fool". The world has been turned upside down, or so it must seem to Malvolio, Antonio, Sebastian and Viola at least, but Feste's strength is that he alone can treat this as normal; he alone sees clearly the unkindness of life and of man's nature. Paul Marks conveyed this insight well and it was incorporated again in the songs sung by him and by Orsino's singer, bringing out the transitoriness of love and happiness and pointing to the uncertainty of the future, themes whose treatment, thanks to a subtly balanced production of great beauty, rose beyond both pessimism and hectic gaiety to a richly poignant melancholy.

A.J.R.

Twelfth Night in Germany

We all got up at around 5 o'clock on Sunday moming in order not to keep the coach waiting by arriving late, and the only one late was the coach – which was pretty funny. So we left Hendon at about 7.30. The coach was one of our fears: I'd looked at the schedule beforehand, and the prospect didn't delight me of spending 12 hours squashed between the back of my chair and the one in front, playing footsit with the person next to me, unable to stretch and feeling sick. None of which, however, applied. The miles passed by amidst a play-reading at the back of "Cymbeline"; songs, with or without guitar accompaniment, the occasional card game; and mainly either conversation or sleep. From London to Dover most of us caught up on the latter, and I hope you liked my shoulder, Mel. Already a very friendly group, many more of our social barriers were of necessity broken down by compulsory companionship during these long rides, and one of the things I value most from the whole tour was number of new people I got to know. It was the friendliness amidst the cast members, I think, that gave us the force for the enthusiasm required, enabled us to surmount difficulties, and made it all worthwhile. In better and better company, and enjoying ourselves increasingly, therefore, we made it through France and Netherlands to Karlsruhe and our hosts.





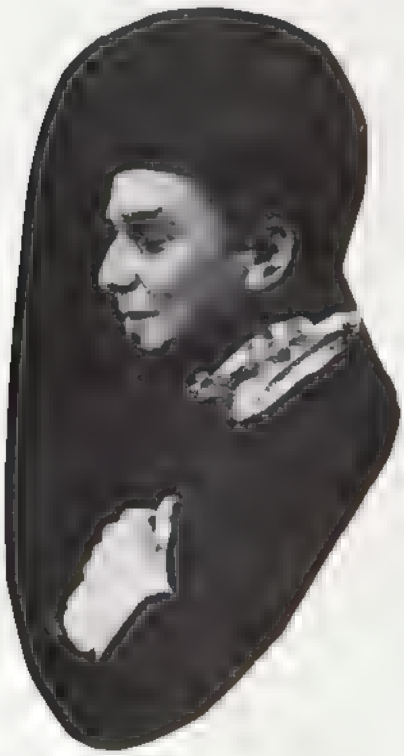
















Apart from the reception of our performances, these were our biggest worry. We'd been stared at all the way from England, but the group of forty-odd people standing in the school playground was actually waiting to speak to and know us. Reminders about international goodwill, a ban on Nazi jokes, and an optimistic pessimism passed round the coach, all of which, like fears about the coach, were completely unnecessary. Somewhere along the line we seemed to have forgotten that these people were human too. There were various difficulties; the war, even after 20 years; language differences; good blokes/rat finks?, rich people/paupers, but nothing that should be particular to Germany. My personal experiences are of a series of one kind family after another, who put up a foreign stranger for 2 nights, for nothing in return except the pleasure of their guest's company and the small gift I gave at the end of my stay. Many of them went a lot out of their way, cooking specially, driving in at late or early hours to remove or deliver us to and from the theatre; in Ludwigsburg they gave me pocket money and cigarettes, I slept in my host's room, surrounded by records, tape recorders, an electric organ, posters, the parents drove about 7 of us to a party, gave me some money to pay for a taxi home and the key to the front door... the list of kindnesses goes on, and makes one wonder if we'd do the same if and when the positions are reversed. There were the occasional bad ones: Gav Wilson claimed that all he got to eat in 2 days in Reutlingen was some bread and butter, some water, a mug of tea and what he bought in cafes or got given at the official reception; some, unlike the vast majority, spoke very little English; but out of a total of around 250 hosts, only a very few were anything but very nice, kind people, and the offers of places to stay on return visits and addresses to write to became almost embarrassing.

Wherever we went, we could be sure of receptive audiences, who had usually read the play and on occasion had gone so far as to have detailed class discussion on it. These were our first true public performances, without so much of the "school play" stigma attached, and good reactions inspired the actors to bigger and better things. A few criticisms by the press, more interesting and encouraging that any I saw in England, also helped. Improvisation, ad-lib, missed cues took their toll; Margot got german measles and Mary all but broke her wrist, but despite these and other difficulties such as the failure of all sound cues, appalling acoustics, tiny or huge stages, props failure, hangovers and fatigue, and so on, we were told by those who watched that it was OK: performances were good; and judging by the number of curtain-calls we received at every performance, the audiences liked it.

The only remaining section of the trip was what we did in our spare time. Theoretically, there wasn't supposed to be much spare time. Performances never ended before 10.15, and were followed by exhaustion, make-up and costume removal, and scenery packing into the minibus. We could therefore reckon on being clear by about 11, and with, usually, an early start for the next town the following morning. There were, however, several occasions when we got out earlier or didn't have a performance that evening, and one or two chances of late-sleepings, and thus we left behind us a trail of dances, parties, clubs, discotheques, pubs and endless cafes; plus official receptions, walks around the town, evenings spent at home watching television or talking with our hosts, and conversation. We really enjoyed ourselves, being stared at in either amused condescension or bewildered incredulity for the way we released tensions produced by performances on dance floors or in knife fights with bananas and running gun battles on the streets with imaginary guns; giving good performances to people who liked them; and, generally being allowed to do what we liked in a foreign country without having to worry about work or what other people might think.

Then on the 27th, we went home, and that was pretty sad. Only a few of us on the coach back wouldn't have wanted to stay on, just continuing to do the same things every day. But maybe we would have got sick of it, I think perhaps we already were a little. Even the play itself was becoming monotonous, and sometimes at the end it was a conscious effort to remain interested in the action, probably because we were all by then worn out and in need of a break that didn't consist solely of a further night out on the town. It was good fun, and I'll do it again next year.

Miles Barry.

school concerts

Apart from the main musical event of the year, when there is the combined choral and orchestral occasion, it has been the practice for some years past to have a subsidiary concert, usually at a different time of the year, the principal function of which is to offer opportunities for solo and group performers for different instruments at various age-levels and standards of advancement.

The last of this kind was held in December of last year, since when there have been different occasions, which began with an hour or so one evening devoted to the work of Miss Joan Bonner and the Cellists' section. This was highly successful, and each item (many ensembles of different sizes included) was carefully introduced to an appreciative gathering of parents, staff and friends. The press attended, and there were photographs and extensive publicity.

During the following (Summer) term, there was a combined Woodwind and Brass Concert, each section being under the direction of Mr. John Davies, assisted by Miss Patricia Strong, and Mr. Wesley Woodage respectively. There was a marathon attendance to hear a large number of players in various ensembles, both great and small, from early beginners to established veterans, Messrs. Davies and Woodage taking time to explain the secrets of their instruments and their peculiarities.* Perhaps among the more outstanding solos were those by S. Wick, Tuba, with an interesting Bach transcription — Air and Boutee by Wm. Bell, A. Macgregor, Tenor Trombone, in the concerto by Rimsky-Korsakoff. Both these players were ably and sensitively assisted by S. Lodder at the piano who had been the official accompanist for the evening. A novelty had been inserted in the form of a Bass Trombone Solo as a "Jig" by Mr. G.E. Flowers as one of a set of three pieces for this instrument and since recommended for publication in a forthcoming syllabus by the Associated Board of Music. This was well presented by J.B. Sweden, the composer acting as the accompanist. Special mention should be made of soloists, M. Beral (Clarinet, accomp. by D. Weber); D. Bressloff (Oboe, accomp. by Sweden); R. Lilienthal (Flute, accomp. by S. Lodder), and M. Brand (Bassoon, accomp. by Lodder acting for D. Firman); likewise of A. Rudd (Flute, in Gluck's Dance of the Blessed Spirits).

From a junior Brass Ensemble with two Bach Chorales; Middle School; and Senior School Brass Quartets; we had Woodwind "Bits & Pieces", to a Mozart Divertimento for Flutes, Oboe, Clarinet, and Bassoon, and the evening ended with a glorious riot of sound in "Ballet Parisien" by Offenbach, with the combined forces of all players, both Wind and Brass. It was directed by Mr. John Davies and Mr. Wesley Woodage, and simply had to be encored!

Some readers may not be aware of Haberdashers' contributions to the ranks of the National Youth Orchestra from time to time. Until his retirement recently A. McGregor was one of these and Anthony Rudd (Flute) is a member and has been so for some years. The latest addition to these ranks last term, was Stephen Wick, (Tuba).

At the time of writing (December 1968) we have just had the third concert in the new series, the music being devoted to Keyboard, and Strings (represented by Messrs. G. Flowers and G. Smith; and by Messrs. K. Piper and J. McDougal). The preponderence of the Piano Duet gave opportunities for Team Work, and for more boys to be heard than otherwise possible.

Starting "with a bang" therefore, we were to hear Dvorak's Slavonic Dance in C from the firm hands of such veterans as M. Brand and R. Britten, followed immediately by 'A Nursery Rhyme' arranged by Tate and served to us by a very early beginner playing the Air, and a more experienced 'Wnd Year' providing the Secondo below (J. Steinhardt and J. Cohen respectively).

Of the Solo items, two for Harpsichord, Tulip gave us on this instrument the Prelude in C. Minor from the '48' (1st Book) of Bach, and Birchenough a Handel coranto. Special mention should be made of Wood's presentation at the piano of "Jeux d'Eau," in which towards the end there was a really watery cascade of sound such as Ravel might have intended.

The only violinist of the programme was the ten year old Collier who played a piece by Suk with amazing understanding and maturity for his age. Appreciation for J. Stone in his performance of Beethoven's Sonata in F(op.10 No. 2) (1st movement) which, though marred a little by 'nerves', gave some ideas of this player's potential.

Ridfeon showed promise in a Bach organ fugue in G. minor; and Painter of the 2nd year, competently memorized "The Fair" by Maconchy and "A Morning Canter" by Flowers. Mozart's Sonata, 330 in C (1st. Movement) was played by S. Alterman. Special praise to H. Pinkerfield and I. Kitchen who opened the second half with Walton's "Trumpet Tune".

A March in G. by Schubert was well served by S. Lee-Wolf and J. Monson; other Junior Duetists being R. Haxby and J. Jeeves, and G. Finlay and P. Melhuish, both 'Teaming' well with two traditional Airs arranged per pair.

Perhaps for many, the highlight of the occasion was marked by the final appearance, as such, of both Stephen Lodder and David Firman (now A.R.C.O.) in their last term at school, each having contributed so much in different ways to music here over the last five years. Lodder chose as his offerings, the Toccata (from Toccata, Adesio, and Fugue) in C. for organ by Bach, this being the test piece in October for all the candidates for the Cambridge Scholarships and in which he was successful. This was followed by Saraband from "Baroques" from a suite by Seth Bingham and it was played delightfully. Firman did the composer 'the honour' by a musical and sympathetic performance of Hymn-Prelude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons by Geoffrey Flowers; and as a sharp contrast in mood, the Toccata by Johgen that had been his choice as second piece for his successful audition at Cambridge Organ Scholarship.

Those of the audience with previous experience of school orchestras in general and of the strings in particular, had their surprise with an adaptation of Mozart's "Ave Verum", the concert concluding with the Larghetto from Handel's Concerto Grosso No. 12. The clear intonation and fine sense of phrasing were again tribute to the tireless devotions of Mr. Piper, Mr. Jack McDougal, and of course to Miss Joan Bonner.

guitar concert

On March 6th — Thursday at 7.30 p.m. the last of the Season's Instrumental Concerts was held in the School Hall. When Mr. Ronald Taylor with Mr. Peter Cracknell were in attendance and there was a fair-sized enthusiastic audience, most of whom were eager after the performance to ask them questions.

The style of presentations at once struck a note of novelty which was both effective and impressive in the deliberate absence of printed programmes. All the players sat on the floor-level. Above them facing the audience in a single line were some dozen younger boys, who at various appropriate stages of the performance announced a group of items in advance with short details of the compositions and their composers with the names of the players concerned. There was no interval, and applause was reserved to the end of the programme at the request of the organizers.

The items throughout were mostly in ensemble – as duos, trios etc., the occasional solo being left to the more advanced players. The concerted work showed good team-work and "blend" between the instruments, and there was some virtuosity among the soloists, outstanding being Peter Saxon in the Miller's Dance of Manuel de Falla; and his brother Martin in a Prelude of Villa Lobos.

In dealing with the instrument and its repertoire the music seemed from the 17th century onwards, and we had a Bach transcription played by Rosenthal. We also had some solo voice accompanied (but not "flamenco!). Prominent among these was Sewell, who gave us "Folk" Music in the form of "Country Gardens" to aptly amusing contemporary words.

A characteristic feature of the complete programme was the fact that not a single item was played with the music. All was memorized – a truly remarkable achievement!!

G.E.F.

German exchange

Five of us, with parents, met our German hosts of the previous term at Victoria Station on January 17th. At first they were just about as apprehensive as we had been 3 months earlier in Frankfurt A.M., but this soon passed. The boys from the Goethe Gymnasium had come with one intent – to learn English. They brought no set work from their own school and the degree to which they participated in work at Haberdashers' varied among the members of the group. All, however, found themselves with no alternative but to take part in German, Craft (of one sort or another) or Music, and Games, and by the end all were actually enjoyed.

More than one of the visitors preferred to learn English from Television and Pop records. Most of them were pleased to be taken to some of the landmarks of London – The Tower, Buckingham Palace, Madame Tussauds were all very popular. The inclement weather did not encourage trips further afield although some managed to see a little of our (then) snow covered countryside.

By the end of the eight week visit our guests had acquired some English habits, quite a lot of the English language and unexpected, at least by them, one of those end of term documents – a Report on the term's work. Whatever the Reports contained, the mission upon which they embarked was largely accomplished they bid us farewell speaking one language.

A.J. Bateson. 3-22.

careers course

Noting the apathy with which the idea of careers courses is generally received, those members of 6 B. Sc.1 who have just attended one have decided to inform the rest of the school (or whoever bothers to read 'Skylark') of their views on it.

The course was for a fortnight at the English Electric Manufacturing Training Centre in Rugby, an establishment aimed at giving technical experience of various types of machines to those who will eventually control and design for them.

The original idea of the course was to give us a condensed version of what the full time inmates undergo between school and university:– to design, cost, plan (Critical Path Analysis or CPA) and build a project for a certain task. However, because of the shortage of time, and because very few of us had been anywhere near a lathe before, we had to dispense with C.P.A. and costing. As for the design – we were given a basic drawing of something called a Variable Flange Drill Jig and told to improve on it at school. We sent our improved version back to be converted from 'good ideas' to 'good engineering' and were pleased to find later that they had left quite a lot of our design unchanged.

So – you may say – that left the construction : Not quite.

When we arrived we couldn't tell one end of a lathe from the other end of a milling machine, so for two days we messed about with both machines helped by Brian Coles, our Tutor, (and anyone else who happened to see us leaving chuck keys in while the lathe was turned etc.)

On Tuesday evening we were given copies of the final plans and were told to study them and allocate the parts between us. This we did, as our only attempt at C.P.A. in my room at midnight, to the best of our ability giving everyone something fairly easy and something more difficult.

Next morning we had to make out planning sheets for each part, saying what material we were going to use, and what we intended to do to it, in easy steps, so that the Tutors would know where to help us out when we went wrong.

Then the work proper started and after a slow beginning we gradually gained confidence and speed (indeed Alistair reached a pitch where he destroyed three brass drill bushes in the space of two days).

The project was so designed that we had some experience in turning, in milling, in surface grinding, screw-cutting, tea-drinking etc. – just about every operation to be encountered in an engineering factory.

By the beginning of the next week it looked as though we might even get finished in time. One of the hurdles which all industrial work has to pass, is inspection, to see if all measurements are within the tolerances demanded by the drawing. Mr. Randall, the inspector, who also taught us metrology, gave the impression that nothing would get past him and his tool-maker's microscope. Luckily he was away during the second week and we were allowed to inspect things ourselves. Needless to say, everything passed. Metrology incidentally was learning how to use all the various types of sophisticated measuring instruments.

Other courses we covered were fabrication, which meant all the different types of welding, flame-cutting and heat treatment, and sheet metal work, in which we made cake tins, cuff links, tin whistles and anything else you care to name: this was our relaxation. Another day off we had was Wednesday: on this day we visited the main heavy engineering works at Rugby where they made turbines with machines as big as houses and costing a quarter of a million pounds each. Otherwise they tried to get their moneysworth out of us. Three days out of each week we worked until 9 p.m. but it was all very interesting and we all wanted to see the project finished, if only to find out what it was for! So, on Friday, after having been twice visited by the Press, we fitted all our parts together carefully and **** it worked, so we made a little brass plaque especially for it.

On Friday afternoon we left wishing the course could have been just a little longer but satisfied that we had left our mark in £40 of breakages alone.

The local newspaper celebrated our visit with the heading "Haberdashers come to Rugby"; I wonder if the staff of The Manufacturing Training Centre, the staff of the canteen where the food was so good we would have eaten it even if it hadn't been free, and the people in charge of the extremely comfortable Dunchurch Lodge where we often stayed up until after midnight, all felt as happy. Mr. Addison and The Staff of The Manufacturing Training Centre --- We thank you.

S. Hardman

Army Section

The past two terms have been particularly active ones for the Army Section. The intake into the Basic Platoon was encouraging, and these cadets soon showed a lively enthusiasm in the numerous lessons and exercises arranged for them. In addition, they demonstrated their ability at shooting on the Schools indoor range and successfully gained a high score in their Empire test.

During the winter term, the Proficiency Cadets were given a general course in Signalling and Engineering, and this term were allowed to make a choice between the two courses. These courses consisted of a series of theoretical and practical lessons in signalling and engineering, with an extremely interesting exercise on Field Day, designed to test the initiative and competence of the cadets, who it should be mentioned, admirably demonstrated their ability. Next term's work includes Classification exams. which should result in a 100% pass.

Easter Camp this year will be held, as in the past years, in Snowdonia, and will combine camping, with mountaineering and rock-climbing. A more enjoyable and profitable week could not be had. Summer Camp will, for the first time, be on Dartmoor, and as usual, will enable cadets to put into practice, training that they have been given during the year, on realistic manoeuvres lasting for several days.

This term also saw the selection of L.Sgt. D. Clark-Lowes and Cpl. P. Meadows for the Shooting team to represent Britain in Canada, and the selection of Cdt.L/Cpl. Alexander for the Junior Leaders Course.

The future promises to be bright and we look forward to next year, when, with an even larger intake, the Army Section may be able to increase its already countless activities.

R. Barlow. C.S.M.

R.N.Section

With the recent cuts in all branches of the Services one can be justly surprised that the C.C.F. with its £6 million a year price tag has survived.

Over and above all the arguments which can be made for the C.C.F. as a form of Public Service it is also a system which provides many advantages for the individual.

In the four years that I have been in the Section I have been to Gibraltar, become acquainted with most aspects of service life in the Navy and become a Watch Leader with the London Sailing Project (an organisation which provides off-shore sailing for boys living in the London area). I like to think that I have learnt something of self-discipline, leadership and companionship – all this over the years at a cost of approximately £10 to my parents and a few hours of my own time spent cleaning my uniform.

As with all organisations, not every moment spent in the C.C.F. is beneficial but with the range of activities one would be very unreceptive not to have added to one's knowledge and to have developed one's character before leaving.

At the end of most reports in the Skylark there are to be found short "Thank you's" for the help given by Masters. I feel that Lt. Hickman deserves more than a concluding phrase. When cadets this Easter are enjoying Flying at Arbroath and Locking, and in the Summer are sailing and hiking at Loch Ewe or living on a Motor Fishing Vessel on the Clyde, or sailing to Cherbourg with the London Sailing Project, or attending numerous other camps and courses, they might not have time to think of the hours spent by the Commanding Officer in organising these trips. Lt. Hickman does not limit himself to the ordinary but searches to find the best activities available. As a Naval Officer said to me, "If there is anything a little unusual, but really worth doing in the C.C.F. you can be sure, while Lt. Hickman is at the school, a Haberdasher will be on it."

The Section is not limited to one good Officer. A lot of its enthusiasm is a direct result of Sub.Lt. Wrench's forceful leadership as exemplified by the occasion, when in pouring rain, he stripped to his underwear to lead a hesitant party over the assault course.

I am most grateful to P.O.' Instr.'s Howard, Bell and Symons who have given me all the help a Cox'n could wish for.

If recruiting remains as successful as it has been in the past years, I am sure that the Section will continue to thrive.

Cox'n Garner.

Instructors. Cox'n Garner.
P.O. Instr. Howard, Bell, Symons.
L/S Instr. Brodie, Humphris, Nathan and Newby.
L/S. Cook, Cox, Eastwell and Gordon.

C.C.F. Band

When Sir Thomas Beecham started to learn the trombone it was politely suggested that a less densely populated area than near his London flat might be a more suitable practising site Undaunted he rowed into the middle of a country lake in his private boat, stood up, and boldly continued to shatter the silence, undisturbed and undisturbing. As far as the band is concerned one feels that the navy's whaler on Aldenham resevoir would not serve our purpose, and we must therefore remain in the band room.

Admittedly there is an immaturity in the playing at present but this can only be expected from a band in which half of the twenty two members were recruited at the beginning of the year. Bearing this in mind the band gave a creditable performance at the Ealing contest, competing in the 'large band' section for the first time in recent years. However, victory was forsaken in order to give experience to the newer members – experience which one feels sure will prove valuable at the Romford and Hornchurch competitions.

It is rare for the bandroom to be unoccupied in the lunch hour (as the R.A.F. section know to their cost), and this is indicative of the emerging pride in being a bandsman, a pride which shows itself in the appearance and drill at ceremonial occasions. This, coupled with the enthusiasm in attending Saturday morning and lunch hour practices, ensures that the band will continue to rise in standard.

Our thanks go to Colonel Hewson and Mr. Imhoff for their work and support in building up the band to the unprecedented stage at which we need more instruments.

Finally we must point out that the band is not only the army's responsibility (as might appear from the fact that 14 of the 22 bandsmen are in that section) but the whole force's, and if the enthusiasm shown by army officers and cadets were shown throughout the C.C.F., instead of mere criticism being offered, it would be reflected in the band's overall standard.

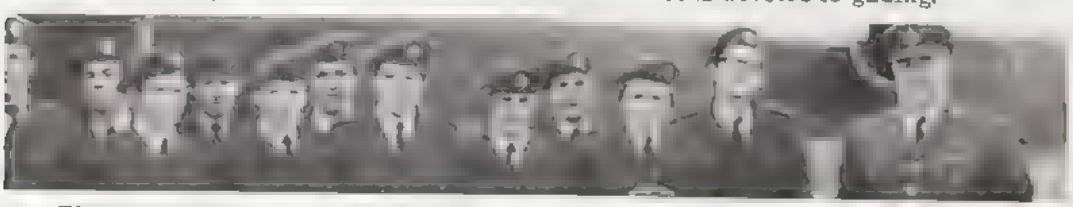
L/Cpl. Wilson, Drum Major.
L/Cpl. Brand.

R.A.F. Section

The broad function of the C.C.F. within schools is to provide the frame-work of a disciplined organisation within which and through which qualities of endurance, resourcefulness, self-reliance, leadership and responsibility may be developed. This training will undoubtedly be helpful throughout life generally especially in aiding the individual to integrate into Society.

The personnel in the R.A.F. Section this year have been particularly keen and active and the help and willingness of the N.C.O's combined with the undoubted enthusiasm and hard work of the Cadets resulted in a 100% pass in all examinations — a truly outstanding achievement.

Within the facilities the school offers the R.A.F. Section partook fully in numerous activities which included aviation lectures, shooting, assault course, survival training, arms and advanced drill, afternoon exercises and several afternoons devoted to gliding.



The Field Days have all been a big success and included visits to R.A.F. Cranwell, R.A.F. White Waltham, R.A.F. Stradishall, H.M. Deadalus, H.M.S. Heron and H.M.S. Yeolviton. The Summer Camp was at R.A.F. Cranwell and enabled thirty of the Cadets to obtain an excellent idea of the life and activities pursued in the Royal Air Force.

The night exercise during the Summer term took place at a suitable site near Luton. The aim of these exercises is to enable cadets to practice various manoeuvres and skills in overcoming the enemy and the serious attitude of all concerned was most pleasing.

The last year has been most successful and this is mainly due to the enthusiasm shown by the Cadets in all aspects of their training.

To conclude, special thanks must go to Sqdn.Ldr. T.E. Carrington and F/O Goater for their everlasting encouragement and help and their willingness to arrange and be responsible for many of the activities carried out by the R.A.F. Section.

HOUSES

calverts

Looking back over past House reports, I noticed that very few captains were in a position to praise their House's successes. In fact most of them seem to have been in a mood of deep depression, which I must reluctantly share. The reason for this is best illustrated by giving our results for the current season:—

Rugby		*6th*	*Cross-country*		*6th*
Swimming	*S*	*1st*	*Basketball*	*jt*	*5th*
	J	*1st*	*Fives*	*jt*	*5th*
Hockey		*6th*	*Work and Conduct*	*S*	*6th*
Water polo		*1st*		*J*	*1st*

From this, it can quite easily be seen that our sporting record has generally been poor, with the exception of swimming and water polo. For this reason, I was sorely tempted to confine this report to a blow by blow account of the gala. However, I will spare you the boredom and say, we won five of the seven trophies, coming second in the remaining two. Credit here, must go to Allard and Newby for their exceptionally good leadership and organisation, and special congratulations to Allard, who distinguished himself by winning the Individual Replica of the Thomas Arno Cup.

In the water polo we gained easy victories over Joblings, 5–0, and Strouts, 9–1, and defeating Russells in the final (5–3).

The results of most other inter-house sporting events, betray a lack of both ability and spirit – there being a dependence on a few individuals rather than an all round team effort.

Referring again to past House reports, I noticed that it seemed to be the custom to compliment the Junior School on its efforts and to comment on its future potential. This could apply to Calverts, but I must stress that the present seniors should set them a good example, which was not expressed in their apathetic approach to the house rugby and cross-country, in particular.

At the end of the Christmas term, house ties were awarded to Herbert, Pinto and Tabard for their services to the House, and this was followed by thanks from Mr. Hickman to Hsu, House-Captain, Kissin, Vice-Captain and Blessley, House Recorder, who were leaving to continue their studies at University. This, of course, meant many alterations in the house administration, Chryssaphes becoming the new Vice-Captain and Goudie taking on the arduous task of House Recorder.

Finally I would like to extend my grateful thanks to Mr. Hickman and Mr. Carleton for their support, and to the House Officials, past and present for their conscientious efforts throughout the term.

Martin Ball
(House Captain)

hendersons

"All good things must come to an end".

Hendersons have had a very good run winning the Dunton (Work, Conduct and Sport) 4 times and the Crossman (Sport) 3 times in the last six years and now has come the time for the chamption to retire, and let his challengers fight amongst themselves for the honour of succeeding him. This it would appear is the predominant attitude in Hendersons. It is true that the path downhill is clearly visible in front of us and it is all too easily taken, when just a little more effort all round would keep us on top, where we rightfully belong.

Sport is obviously the major activity, on the surface, in a house system such as we have at Haberdashers', but it is still only a small minority who take part in this for the house. Too many members of the house are still firmly entrenched in the wings as far as sport is concerned, and I am sure there is a considerable amount of talent awaiting discovery. Some will not and some cannot participate on the sporting side of the house, but their contribution to its success, if less glamorous, is no less important. Work and conduct count double towards the Dunton, so the winning of this shield can fairly be said to be an all round effort.

The individual results over the last two terms do not really deserve mentioning except the 2nd places in the rugby, the 3rd form cross-country, and the debating, the rest being a dismal succession of 4th, 5th and 6th places. However the overall positions in the major shields show the importance of the non-sporting contribution, for although we are 6th in the Crossman, we won the senior school Work and Conduct Shield, and mainly because of this, we are lying 3rd in the Dunton.

Congratulations are due therefore to those who worked hard and steered clear of trouble. Thanks are due yet again to the 'old faithfuls', who appear time after time in sport after sport, although their efforts have borne no real success in the last two terms. Thanks also to Mr. Sanderson for his unceasing efforts to encourage the house both on the sports field, through his ever present vocal support on and off the field in his day to day activities in ensuring the smooth running of the house.

R.E.G. Walters

joblings

Last term Joblings was described as the best house in the school on the grounds that it has the best houseroom and an air of joviality therein; usually however, the criterion of a good house is the fullness of its trophy cabinet. This is somewhat more justifiable as it is a measure of the combined efforts and abilities of all the members of the house, and it is on these rather more tangible and generally accepted grounds that Joblings can now be called "the best house in the school".

We are leading in both the Dunton and Crossman Shields, this is largely due to some very fine sporting achievements in the competitions this term. Despite our only result from the Autumn being fifth in the rugby, this term we won all three junior and came second in both senior cross-country races (thus winning the Littlefield Cup); we were runners-up in the Basketball and Hockey finals, and were first in both the Senior and Junior swimming standards competitions. These however were coupled with lower, but, considering our general dearth of swimming talent, respectable positions in the gala and water polo, while a commendable third in the fives tournament completed the term.

Our Work and Conduct was not, however, quite so good as we came third. This was not due to an excess of punishments (which usually drag us down to fifth or sixth) as we had fewer minus points for this reason than the other houses, but a lack of G's on the reports which resulted in there being too few plus points. The position was however good enough, when combined with the sport, to bring us into the lead for the Dunton Shield

Thus there is a recognition of the new efforts and keenness of the boys throughout the house and the now traditional, unfailing activity and enthusiasm of Mr. Browning may at last be justly rewarded. I should like to thank him and also Geoff Baruch, the vice-captain for their constant support this term and look forward to the Summer with confidence.

D.A. Ahmed
(House Captain)

meadows

"If a job's worth doing, it's worth doing badly" was a comment during a recent radio programme. Perhaps this needs a few words of explanation. Basically it means that it is better to try something new, even if it means doing it badly, rather than not making any effort at all. This maxim is extremely fitting to the current state of the House System and Meadows in particular. The high position of the House over the last two terms has been the result of a consistent effort by a small hard core of boys. The majority of boys are prepared to stand by and watch the affairs of the House with an apathetic indifference. Therefore they must realize that by occasionally putting in an extra effort, not only the House will gain, but they will gain as well. No one is going to be critical of someone who tries, even if the outcome is unsuccessful.

Nevertheless Meadows have had a fairly successful time over the last two terms. With a consolidation of our present efforts we should be well placed to win the coveted double of both the Crossman and Dunton Shields. Luckily Meadows is well endowed with sportsmen, and most of our successes have been in this sphere. We won the House Rugby with a series of fine displays scoring 85 points in 3 games and eventually defeating Hendersons in the final. In the swimming we had mixed fortunes, coming mid way in the various competitions. Thanks mainly to the athletic and administrative ability of Allsopp our positions were higher than we expected. Mediocre successes were achieved in the fives, basketball and water-polo, but this was redeemed by winning the new House Hockey competition. In the Cross Country Pinder put in a great deal of hard work, although his efforts were not rewarded with only third place being gained. Finally congratulations to Witherford who won the Home debating cup for the second year running.

In the future therefore if more people are prepared to enter into the affairs of the House Meadows can look forward to a very successful time.

Lastly many thanks to those who so often and so earnestly help in the smooth running of the House, and above all to TEC, and to all the house officials for getting on with their jobs quietly and efficiently.

R. Barlow
(House Captain)

russells

RUSSELLS

Russells is at present rising on the Wheel of Fortune from the humble position in which it has found itself for the past few terms. After a disappointing rate of 5th and 6th places last term, we have, despite a general lack of sporting talent, begun the climb to the top. The swimming and water polo teams, under the enthusiastic captaincy of Crabb, both gained 2nd place; our Third Form, Fourth Form and Senior C.C. teams, with the equally active leadership of Goater (who won the Lewis Shield this term), came 4th, 5th and 5th, the hockey team came 5th, despite being tipped for 6th place; the basketball team managed to come 3rd equal; and our fives team won the fives competition. In the debating competition Swirsky and Pocock took the House to 3rd place. In the Crossman shield we maintained our 3rd place, and we rose from 5th to 4th in the Dunton.

So much for the bald statistics of our efforts. What are more important are the performances and trends behind the figures. When House captain's are so often ringing the knell of "house spirit", it is gratifying to note the recent upsurge of interest in the house in Russells. This has shown itself in the active support the house teams have received, in the low number of minus points for conduct, and in the success of the weekly meetings of the new house advisory committee, which has an elected member from each year. One of the suggestions of this committee, which is intended to encourage a more general participation in the running of the house, has been the institution of the award of a house tie to the winner of the Lewis Shield. In this respect ties have been awarded to Goater and to Andrews, Moss, Payne and Richardson, who are previous winners.

This report would be incomplete without some recognition of the debt owed by the house to the many people who have contributed to our growing success. To the list of those who have already been mentioned must be added Rolfe, the vice-captain, Tobia, the recorder, and all the other officials. Above all, however, thanks should be given to Mr. Smith for his help and guidance and to Mr. Willat and Mr. Snook for their continuous, though unobtrusive, encouragement.

J.R. Partridge
(Captain)

strouts

The greatest achievement that the house system can attain in our school is the ability to give the younger members of the school a small group from which to make their friends and a chance to meet boys of different age groups. At the same time it gives the seniors the responsibility to ensure that certain standards of behaviour are maintained among the juniors, which they must do by taking an interest and setting a good example. It is this balance between the juniors and seniors of the school that the house system can successfully bring about and it is my opinion that if the system works well it is valuable both to the juniors and the seniors.

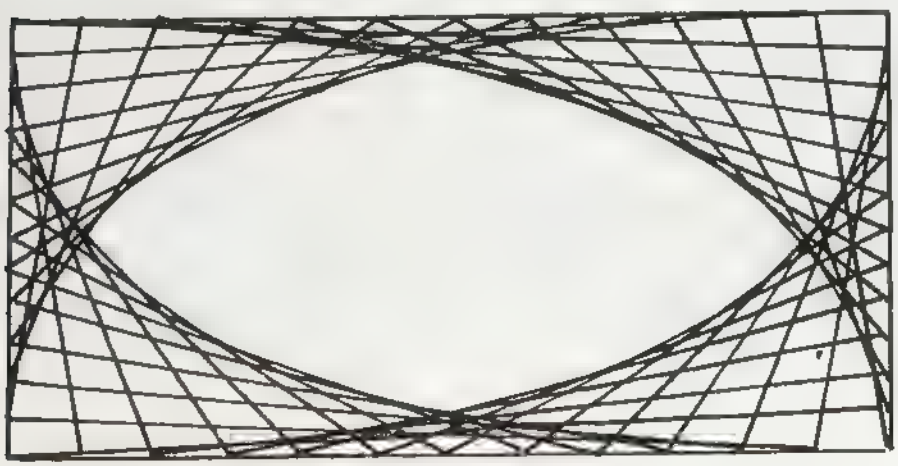
Unfortunately I cannot say that I think that the system is working as well as it might in Strouts, but I am sure that with some effort from all the members of the house a large improvement could be made. At the end of the Christmas Term the Juniors were sixth in the work and conduct competition, just as they had been at the end of the Summer Term, while the Seniors and dropped to third position. Last year we came 5th in the Dunton Shield, for Sport and Work and Conduct, and at present the Juniors lie bottom in the Crossman Shield for Sport.

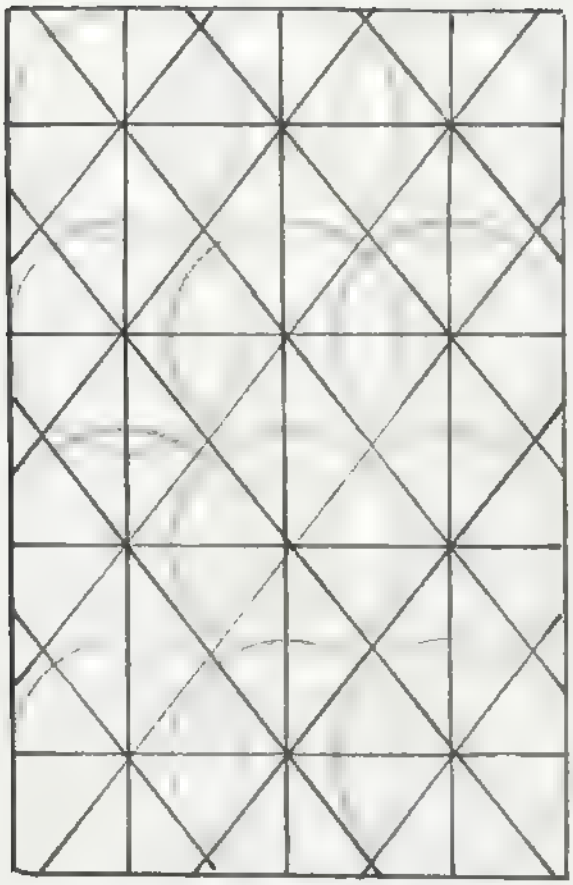
However the sporting achievements of the senior school have partly counteracted the efforts of the junior section of the house. In Cross Country we had a convincing win with B. Brown the team captain coming first and in the Basketball competition we beat Joblings in the final with a score of 5 to 29.(?) In the Rugby we lost to Hendersons and therefore came third equal with Russells. Thanks must go to Simon Dix for Captaining the side. Swimming is clearly not a strong point in the house as the seniors only, succeeded in not being last by coming fifth. However Sheppard must be congratulated for coming first in the 50 yards breast stroke and Deeprose thanked for taking on the unenviable for of arranging the team. Weyman and Dobson did very well in the Fives Competition in coming second to Russells.

It is hoped that in the Summer term Strouts will find a chance to redeem its present position by doing well in the Athletics and Cricket.

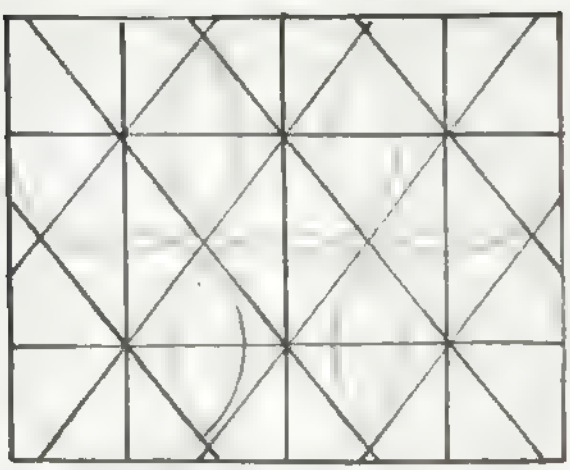
Lastly thanks must go to Mr. Dodds for his continued interest in, and sympathy with, all the members of the house.

D.D. Clark-Lowes





societies



canoe club

It must be at least a year since a report of the activities of the Canoe Club appeared in the magazine, but this has not been a measure of the activity of the club.

During the Summer Term 1968 a group of members made a run down London River on the tide, from the Festival Gardens to the "Prospect of Whitby" an ancient riverside tavern situated on the north bank some distance below Tower Bridge. The passage of London Bridge and the Pool, with heavy flood water and a strong ebb tide, proved very interesting and quite exciting, and on arrival at the destination, the party partook of lunch whilst they waited for the tide to turn and assist them back to Chelsea. This local run may well prove an annual event.

In August an enjoyable trip was made down the River Wye from Whitney to Tintern Abbey. This river, a "must" for all British canoeists, never fails to charm and provide some excitement, and it lived up to its reputation. The passage of Ross on Wye during the annual regatta proved hazardous for all, and an "upsetting" operation for one member unlucky to get in the path of a sculler. At Monmouth we had the pleasure and good fortune to meet Old Hab. John Collings who is now working with the firm which arranges canoeing holidays on the Wye. He was able to solve our problem of recovering our minibus and trailer from the starting point ready for the return journey.

Throughout the summer Steve Chapman was taking part in slaloms, and in the B.C.U. Ranking List he is now in Division One, competing with the best in the land.

Easter 1969 found us arranging two trips, the first being the usual Thames journey from Cliften Hampden to Maidenhead making use of Youth Hostels at Streatley and Henley. The numbers were lower than usual owing to transport problems, but the run was very enjoyable, variety being provided by strong winds which blew up high waves on the long open reaches. The second trip was down the Warwickshire Avon from Barford

Bridge, a few miles below Warwick, to Pershore. The river provided good sport on account of the numerous weirs, many of which proved to be shootable and were shot, sometimes with amusing results. This party broke away from the youth hostel tradition and carried camping equipment. We were much indebted to Mrs. Stanley who towed the trailer of canoes and carried a majority of the members of the party to and from the river. Without her help when the school minibus proved unobtainable, the trip must have been cancelled.

Old Haberdasher ex members of the Canoe Club have continued to go from strength to strength in the field of slalom. This year the World Championships will be held at Bourg St. Maurice, and two O.H.s are in the training squad for Canadian Singles, Mike Hillyard and John Albert. This year they have already represented this country in a major international at Monschau as part of their preparations. In the British Universities Open Championships held early in the year, John Albert won the Canadian Singles event and was a member of the team from London University which carried off the Team Event. Paul Edwards was a member of the Cambridge Pair which won the Canadian Pairs. We hope that more members of the club will follow up the sport when they move on to the university.

J.W.D

chess club

Along with Cross–Country and Shooting, Chess is one of the School's most successful activities. In past years we have reached the final in the Senior and Junior London League Competition and had many good performances in the Sunday Times National Schools Cup.

In recent years Haberdashers' have provided four of the Middlesex top ten Junior Players and the Club gained its most noticeable achievement this year when R.H. WATSON (1960-66) who left the school only eighteen months ago, won his second Blue for Oxford University, probably the strongest team in the country. He also had a most respectable performance in the British Championship.

As so many of the Chess players have gone through the school unnoticed, we thought we might flatter our egos and write a little about the 'personalities' of this year's team.

PETE ROSMAN – Board 1. 75%

Former London Under–12 Champion; Twice Runner-up British Under–14 Championship; Present Middlesex Under–18 Board 1. Harrow Summer Knock-out Champion.

His other achievements are too numerous to mention.

If Chess was on the same standing as Rugby in the School Pete Rosman would have been a Prefect by the end of his second term, and, similarly, if Chess was on the same standing as Cross-Country, he too would have been on the stage every Monday collecting medals.

He has been the school's most consistent player for the last seven years and it is a pity that his other interests prevented him from finishing the season with his usual near 100% record.

During the Easter vacation he returned to his previous form with some fine wins in competitions.

Whichever University Club he graces next year, it will have an outstanding Top Board and a very pleasant personality to lead it.

MARSHALL GARNER – Board II. 75%

In two years he has progressed from an apathetic pleb to a successful Board II. and could be outstanding if he tried. He has the knack of deflating conceited opponents in conversation, then defeating them on the chess-board.

Without his efficient secretarial work and forceful way of making people play the Chess Club would probably have ceased as a representative team this year.

He is a character who will be sadly missed in future years.

P.F.R

MARK WOLOSHYN. – Board III. 70%

Won five matches on the trot at the beginning of the season before losing form. He has shown all the qualities of a good match player whilst playing for Middlesex Juniors and the school.

The School is lucky in having such a young player and such an amusing person to represent them for the next three seasons.

TONY NATT — Board IV. 100%

His record of two years without defeat speaks for itself. A defensive player who never seems to make a mistake. His success should now give him the confidence to look for the ambitious moves needed to gain victory on the top two boards.

Unfortunately Argles, Goudie, Thibodeau and Gershfield did not do the necessary hours of practice needed to win matches. Because of this the School lost continually on Boards V. and VI If one of them had achieved the form of the top four boards the seniors would have qualified for the Finals. As it was they came third in their League.

Despite great apprehension about finding a Junior team this year, after some serious scouting around a strong one emerged.

CROUCH the Junior's captain proved to be an exceptionally able player and he and TAYLOR-GOOBY came, respectively, 2nd. and 3rd. in the Hertfordshire Association Under-14 Championship. They were well supported by Newbold, Smith, Cohen and Victor and the Juniors were unlucky in being narrowly forced into second place in their League.

A team represented at different times by Rosman, Garner, Woloshyn, Natt, Crouch, Taylor-Gooby and Smith reached the Semi-finals of the Hertfordshire Knock-Out Competition before being beaten on an age handicap 3—3 by St. Albans.

I am most grateful to Pinto, Goudie, Argles and Shilt for running the internal part of the Chess Club

Mr. Guillebaud kindly filled the thankless role of Master in charge of Chess and we would like to thank him for the way he keenly followed our matches and arranged transport and teas.

M K. Garner, Chess Secretary.

christian union

'Who's running away?'' was the question discussed by John Hughes. Despite his fascinating and challenging thoughts, the answer is something over the 1,000 mark. Not that it seems to be a positive, clearly thought out atheism, more often a pallid agnosticism. Despite disappointing attendances at meetings, the minority has continued to exist in a lively and enriching manner.

The use of book reviews has proved more than profitable whilst the wonder of electricity has made possible talks by Billy Graham and Malcolm Muggeridge. The visit of Nigel Goodwin, with a copy of ''Sergeant Pepper'' spilling out of his case, caused a stir, as did the threequarter length black jacket, high-buttoned with velvet collar set off against the mauve shirt and purple chiffon necktie. His talking was as interesting as his dress and he managed to pack a great deal of challenge in a very small space. The speaker from Shelter was equally hard-hitting but, though there was a concern for people there seemed to be little reason in the humanism. The Harrow World Poverty Campaign's speakers seemed even more to have an undoubted concern, yet no rationale After all, why should I love my neighbour, if I have no reason for it?

At this point, I must record the passing of the only scholar of the society. Steve Evans, at the moment teaching somewhere in England, was a great deal more than a cultured voice to introduce speakers but suffice it to say that he provided an excellent balance in the society. Finally I would like to thank Mr. Cheyney. His knowledge of where to get speakers is encyclopaedic whilst his memory of what I forget is an enormous relief.

David Kitchen.

debating society

The motto of the society this year has been "forward with Frape". In parenthesis the strategy was by Mr. Mole with tactical advice by myself. Before the dreary catalogue starts I should add that there were no casualties and the percentage of sleeping participants never exceeded thirty. Now take a deep breath and begin.

This year has seen the second series of inter-house debates with Meadows the winner Hendersons second and Russels third. The quality of these debates was to my mind outstanding, with Nick Witheford, John Tecks and Dave Swirsky giving dazzling performances, both witty and erudite.

We have had many interschool debates, some successful and some not. Dylan (Fred) Francis and I managed to break the run of bad luck at St. Albans, by persuading a large audience that "life in the year 2000 is not a frightening prospect". This debate was followed by succes ses in the English Speaking Union competitions. John Tecks, Andy Frape and Nigel Calvert reached the finals of the London competition; Jeremy Stone, David Templer and Jeremy Sanders won the Herts. competition and are going on to compete in the Eastern region competition. Jeremy Stone was also commended as best speaker of the evening.

The Royal Naval School sunk with little trace before the well directed broadside of Michael Estorick and Ian Ross. The pleasures of victory were enhanced by the realisation that the opposition frigate was crewed entirely by wrens.

All in all not a bad performance over the year by a team assembled on the press gang method. I can think of no better way of finishing this ebullient report than with Nigel Calvert's beautifully timed closing phrase at the E S U "the clock upbraids me with the waste of time" which it is, but after all "it's healthy sport for young clean limbed middle class boys".

P Beales. (Sec.)
Spellings by Andy Frape.

history society

There were two meetings held during the term, and the virtuous few who took the trouble to attend were well rewarded. John Lyon, who returned from Cambridge where he is in his final year, gave a talk based on research for a thesis on the Levellers. A wealth of documentary evidence was used to demonstrate the fleeting importance of Leveller thought. the Levellers were historically important but made no original or lasting contribution to political theory.

T.A. Morris gave a talk on the Reformation in the Home Counties, made memorable by witty references to such shrines as "the black virgin of Willesden" and "the holy place at Muswell Hill". He presented evidence of a wide divergence of attitudes and practice to back up his conclusion that there was no general aggravation of abuses after the Reformation.

D. Bleiman.

junior debating society

The society has had several quite successful debates this term with some attendances reaching the fifties. There have been however some poorer debates due to the lack of publicity and preparation on the part of some of the speakers.

The term's debates included such diverse subjects as Nursery Rhymes, The Geography of Europe (a "Burning House" Debate) and The Abolition of the Monarchy. These debates were fairly well attended and well prepared, although there is always room for improvement.

The debates were aided further by the fact that we have the Boarders' Reading Room back in which to hold them, whereas last term debates had to be held in the inconvenient surroundings of the Chemistry Lecture Theatre and even in a cramped and accoustically weak laboratory.

In most of our debates, we had to rely upon a hard core of seven or eight enthusiastic members. This was due mainly to the poorly-attended committee meetings.

Nevertheless, some younger members showed considerable promise and will no doubt carry on the society into its fourth year.

There has been a general improvement in the debates this term but heckling (while being an integral part of any debate) has sometimes become senseless. This was because younger speakers often felt nervous and unprepared when debating.

Finally, we must thank Mr. Lurie for his constant help in administration and even in participation in debates.

Although this report seems rather pessimistic there is a large amount of interest in the society and improvements will no doubt be made.

Co-Chairmen L. Ginsberg, B.M. Tonkin,
M.D. Damazer.

modern languages society

In four years, the Modern Languages Society has become one of the more active of the school societies and their last year has been as bustling as any so far. Unfortunately, as the society grows and attempts to extend its imagination, it inevitably meets financial tamers. Within the complex of a large school, scope is limited and competition from other societies strong. If the society is to succeed with an appeal to modern linguists alone, good attendances at attractive meetings are vital.

At a glance, the year has been a success. Few would complain about the audience at our first meeting – a playreading of "Les Justes" with NLCS, with fifty keen onlookers. It is a pity that talks on set books will naturally not appeal to many students, but we can feel proud of the number of people who heard Mme. Matley give two very informative lectures. We finally managed to arrange a lecture on South America, to which we attracted many geographers as well as linguists.

The above-mentioned events were all successes. The disappointments, however, are equal in number. The painfully small audience present at the showing of a film that flouted names such as Bresson and Cocteau was depressing. As for the one person who bothered to come and see a film about the life of St. Exupery let me simply thank him formally for having come. And several unavoidable cancellations darken the picture even more.

Enough has been said about sixth-form apathy in previous issues of 'Skylark' but I am obliged to plead that at a time when "Participation" is the word of the moment, more effort to support the society is afforded by people other than Mr. Bunker (whom I thank most sincerely) and a very few faithful officials.

Paul Rubenstein. Hon. Secretary.

photosoc

The membership of Photosoc has increased threefold and it is functioning well. With the Thursday films in the C.L.T. and the darkroom fully booked it has regained its position amongst the most active school societies. The darkroom is always full as many good prints testify. The standard of cleanliness is now high, after frequent exhortations, and it is a pleasure to work in there.

The society also shows short films every Thursday lunchtime in the C.L.T. The films are of general interest, but chosen to display good photography. The pleasing attendance figures show that they are appreciated.

The society is looking forward to the coming year and hopes during its course to extend its activities outside the school.

D.S. Holder. Secretary.

postergroup

After a long period of chaotic oblivion the Poster Group has at last struggled, if somewhat shakily, to its feet again. Hardly surprisingly, many changes and much reorganization have come about during this time, and the character of the group has changed considerably; so much so, that older members, and onlookers, would hardly recognize it.

The old hand-painted one-off posters have regrettably slowly dwindled, almost to extinction, and the more professional, if factory-like processes, of screen-printing have become the major activity of the Group. Despite the major obstacles of maniac defacers and a sorry lack of any efficient machinery or suitably skilled new artists, the standard of our products has been steadily rising for some time; as is apparent in the recent 'Fire' and 'Twelfth Night' posters. So much so that now, out of view of most of the general school, the present group, with its small labour capacity, has become overwhelmed with larger external orders. As a result, the decline in the turn-out of single posters has been accelerated, and the Group is now more accurately named the Screen-printing Group, taking only the larger, more important orders whenever we can cope with them.

Finally, I should like to thank all those members of the Group (and of course Mr. Cartwright) who, despite each others' eccentricities and over-work, have all remained reasonably sane, and without whose hard labour and cooperation the present excellent finished articles would be lost for ever.

Dick Tilley.

printing group

Quietly but methodically, the printing group has been developing and changing its character. At present a streamlined group of nine members — a compact and disciplined body — the productive emphasis has shifted from routine school jobs to a more ambitious project expected to be ready towards the end of the Christmas Term. It must be understood that the group is not a professional body, depending for its livelihood on its work.

Yet the maturity of attitude and sense of purpose in its work that has resulted from this new project gives the group an atmosphere of professionalism that it is perhaps surprising to find amongst students working during what are normally leisure hours.

If there has been a sense of progress in the spiritual field, no less has this trend been evident in the material field. The shop has acquired a new proofing press which will facilitate the production of large items especially, and generally ease the burden of the hard-worked men in the green aprons. The latter were so thoughtfully provided by leader, coercer and organiser extraordinary, Mr. Broderick, whom we have further to thank for his rearrangement of the shop on a broad Open Plan basis, and his repainting of the presses.

Such is the spiritual and material spirit of exploration and change that prevails in the printing shop. That we encounter failures is undeniable. That we are able to overcome them and produce some fine examples of high quality print is the true testimony of our worth.

John Tecks, Head printer.

railway society

Since the last Transport Society report, a year ago, many changes have occurred within the society. The previous secretary has left the school, and I have taken over his duties. C.D Long has agreed to become membership secretary.

Last term it was decided to appoint an advisory committee of nine boys to discuss society affairs, and this has proved very beneficial. One of the first resolutions was to change the name of the society from 'Transport Society' to 'Railway Society' since it no longer caters for 'bus enthusiasts. Another innovation was to produce a duplicated news letter, twice a year, giving more detailed and topical information of the society's activities.

After a lapse of about two years, society visits to places of railway interest were recommenced with an outing to the 'Great Western Preservations Limited' locomotive and carriage depot at Didcot last February. We are now looking forward to an equally successful visit to the British Railways depots at Cricklewood and Willesden, where the latest types of locomotive will be seen

The '00' gauge railway is now firmly established, and an ambitious layout is at present under construction, of which about half is already in operation. On open day 1969 a very intensive service will be operated.

A museum train consisting of an '0' gauge locomotive and a rake of coaches will be restored, and placed on exhibition in the hut, as a reminder of the '0' gauge railway. The rest of the equipment will be sold.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Poole for his help during the term.

G.N. Felton. Secretary.

rifle club

The problem at the beginning of the autumn term was to find marksmen capable of filling the gaps left by John Caldwell, Clive Amstein and Charlie Freeman who left a considerably larger gap. The number of fourth formers who expressed interest in joining the club was much larger than in previous years. As expected however, the number that retained their enthusiasm diminished and we now have a sensible number of potential 'Queen's Hundred' shots.

The .22" season was quieter than previous seasons have been, owing to the fact that we do not now shoot in County Leagues. We did however shoot in three competitions. The first was the Staniforth Cup in which we finished up in 11th place out of 140 schools after a disappointing tie shoot. Also for the first time for many years we entered the Country Life competition. We do not yet know the result but rest assured we had a lot of fun shooting it.

The last .22" competition we entered was a Hendon Open Meeting for Schools. It was the first competition of its kind and we were pleased to leave with four silver medals for the team and a placque for Mr. Benbow who won the master's competition.

The .303" season is now in full swing and the Easter Bisley Trip again produced a 'bundle' of surprises. Many members shot extremely well and consistently, notably Richard Wall and Jeremy Sanders, and of the fourth formers Tony Nunan and Dave Clapham showed great potential.

The only competition we have so far shot in is the Malvern Cup and in this we came a disappointing fourth, losing to our old friends at Oakham, but we managed to win the Schoolboy's Aggregate with Danny Clark-Lowes scoring 97 ex 100.

Finally, for the third year running, two boys from this school were selected to shoot in the United Kingdom Cadets Team which will tour Canada this August, Paul Meadows and Danny Clark-Lowes. Also I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Benbow for the time and labour he has put in for the Club and we will do our best to suitably reward him during the rest of the season.

Paul Meadows, Captain.

science soc

It is not appreciated by the ordinary Haberdasher, that the task of running the Science Society is fraught with many hazards. These are not minimised by there being three secretaries, a treasurer and a projectionist, each of whom would like to run the society by himself. So instead of anarchy, we devised the present system, with its infamous consequences known to all our ex-members.

We are able, however, to assure you, dear readers, that the future holds many a bright foot of celluloid for your collective delight; and we hope that under the paternal gaze of our new President, Mr. Bausor, we shall recover our ailing membership.

S.J. Glynn, A.B. Kelman, M. Moroney,
A.A. Parkins, L.C. Galitz.

slot car club

During the past term we have acquired our own room which is in the process of being redecorated (at the school's expense!). Due to this there has been very little active racing although a Scalextric circuit was erected in the room prior to half term.

We have decided to build our circuit out of the new three lane 1/24th scale Scalextric track, so the Flexi-Slot which we have already bought will be used in the construction of a 25 foot drag strip which will be built during the summer term.

The present needs of the club are for increased membership and funds.

All in all the period since my last report has been quite successful, with the acquisition of the room representing a major step forward.

M.J. Vann (Sec.)

stamp club

With the membership at 13 and falling rapidly, it was decided to revive the School Stamp Club. 5 of those members formed the basis of the present committee and an immediate membership campaign was begun.

Now, less than six weeks later, membership has risen to over 50 and the Stamp Club is becoming one of the most prominent societies in the school. A badly-needed stamp catalogue has now been bought, and, funds allowing, we are hoping to join the British Philatelic Association.

Auctions, competitions, a revival of the First Day Cover service, and visits to various exhibitions such as Stampex, are now being arranged by the committee, and I am sure that it is largely to their help and enthusiasm that the Stamp Club owes its success. In that respect I would like to thank the Vice-Chairman, A. Bard, and the other committee members including S. Kalman and M. Roper, in charge of membership, and E. Law, the designer of all those marvelous

posters scattered all over the school notice-boards, for all the hard work they've put into the committee. I would also like to thank J Jackman a relatively new member of the committee, for acting as Treasurer, and also for doing the laborious and time-consuming job of writing-up the minutes during the many committee meetings. Another person only recently elected to the committee is Goodyer, who is going to head the team that is going to sort and catalogue the School Collection that has been lying fallow in a disorderly mess in the library for some years.

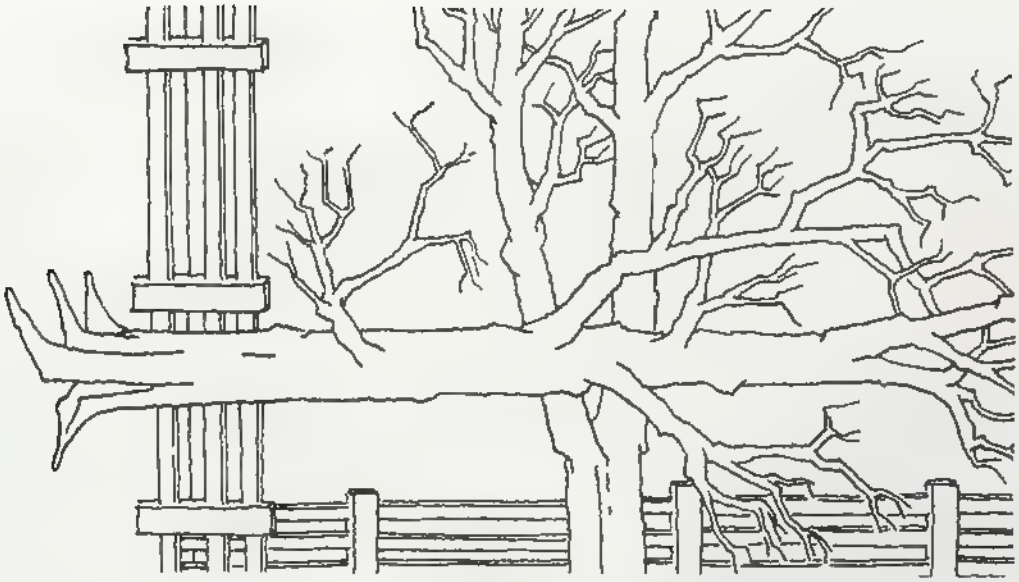
Finally I would like to thank Mr. D F B Wrench, our Master-In-Charge, who has helped in providing a great middle-of-the-back in the organisation and well-being of the club, and without whose help I am sure the Society would never have got back onto its feet.

G J Davis (Secretary & Chairman)



ORIGINALS





A VISIT TO A STABLE

As I walked through the stables with its strong pungent odour, the sweet smell of hay contrasted with the deep musty smell of horses. My studded boots sank deep into the damp dank hay which was strewn over the cobbled ground.

The horses with their glossy thick velvety coats looked sorrowfully out of their stables with eyes as big as saucers rivetted on me. As I approached them, they moved their hind-legs first nervously from hoof to hoof backing away as the sound of their own hooves on the cobbles produced a muffled ring.

As they breathed out, misty clouds of air trickled out of their dilated nostrils. Their noses were warm, moist and pink. When I opened the door it creaked on its rusty iron hinges. I looked inside and saw through the murky darkness. In the corner of the cobweb covered walls a gleaming pitchfork caught my attention, also a cobweb infested cartwheel lay in the other corner. The earth spattered white washed walls came into view as I surveyed the stable. Then the horse in all its glory appeared. I advanced on it slowly holding out my hand with a piece of sugar which I knew the horse could not resist. As he nuzzled his pink soft moist mouth into my hand I felt a sensational feeling. The crunch of the sugar sounded much louder than usual in the confined space.

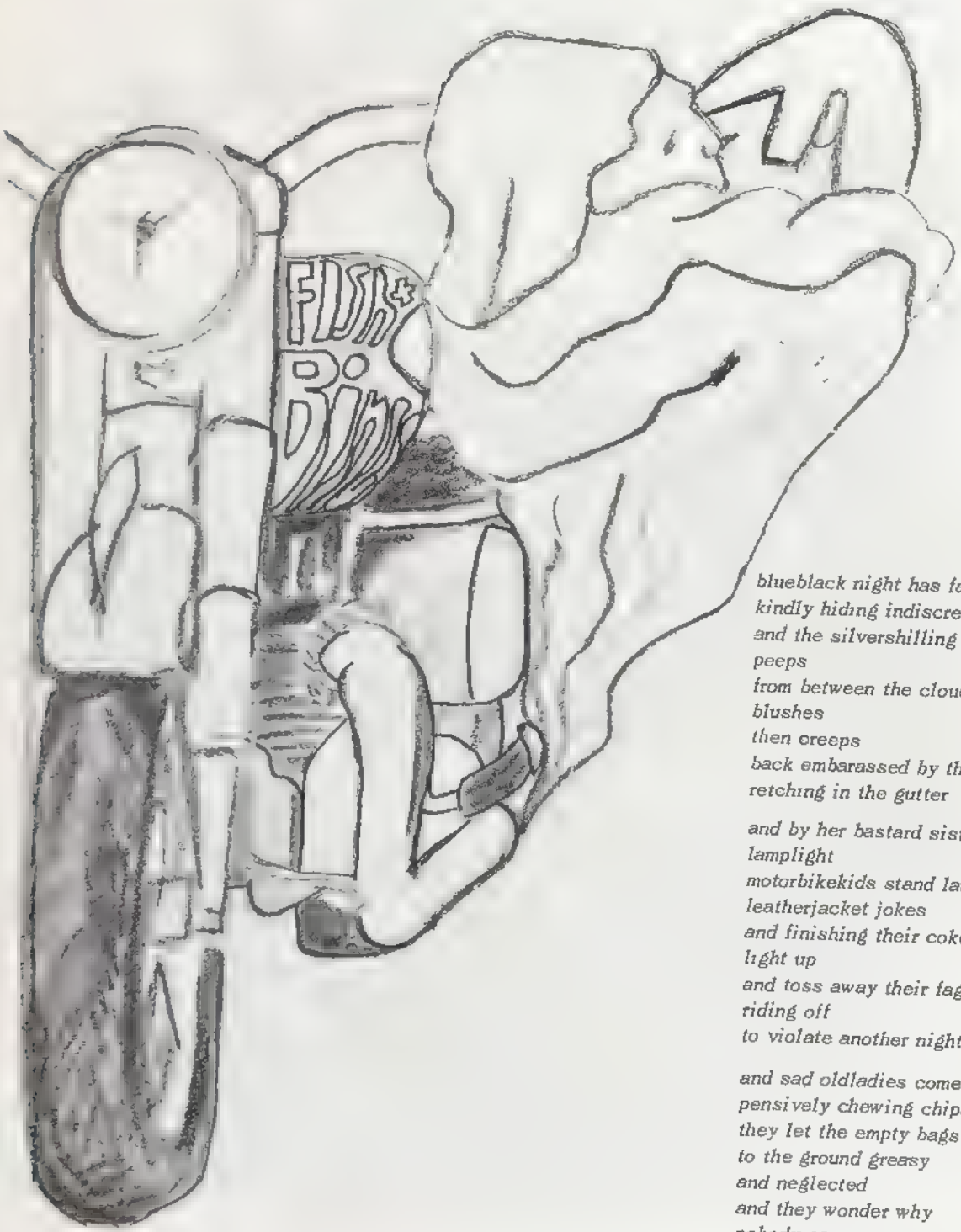
I felt its glossy coat and rippling muscles on its handsome body. Now that I had given the horse some sugar he was much more friendly towards me. He constantly searched my outstretched palm for more sugar in vain, for my once ample supply had now been exhausted.

His tail swished on its back agitatedly to get rid of the numerous flies. I was enjoying every moment of this visit to the stable.

Eventually I sat down with a gigantic appetite which was soon appeased with delicious bread and cheese and some ice cold milk.

Stephen Rudoff. 1/9.

Why Don't We Do It in the Road?
(Apologies to John Lennon and Paul McCartney).



blueblack night has fallen
kindly hiding indiscretions in her darkness
and the silvershilling moon
peeps
from between the clouds
blushes
then creeps
back embarassed by the drunkard
retching in the gutter

and by her bastard sister
lamplight
motorbikekids stand laughing at
leatherjacket jokes
and finishing their cokes
light up
and toss away their fagpackets in defiance
riding off
to violate another night

and sad oldladies come home from bingo
pensively chewing chips
they let the empty bags slip
to the ground greasy
and neglected
and they wonder why
nobody cares anymore
And how things ever got
that
way

Brian Jones. 6ASC1.

ROCKING MEGALOSAURUS

Bb* Bb
I went to learn ge-ol-ogy to get a bit of soul, they

Bb Bb7 Eb7
told me Meg'lo-saurus was the key of rock'n'roll. Rocking Meg'lo-saurus

Bb F7
You really know the way and if I'd never been to school well I'd have

Eb7 Bb [Eb7-E7-F7]
just a-wasted a — way

2. *I went to learn biology*
To see what it's about
They told me work your way in
But you'll have to work it out
Rocking Phytoplankton
You really know the way etc.

3. *I went to learn geography*
To blow my blues away
They told me "Draw a map,"
And now I draw them all day
Rocking Nimbo-stratus etc.

Brian Jones 6A.Sc.1
David Kitchen 6A.M.3.



THE END OF THE WORLD

The seering sun shone down upon the earth as though it were its overlord In all its magnificence and glory it seemed more brilliant than ever before. The humble earth shrivelled.

Weak plants withered and the once green grass turned to a yellowy saffron colour before crumbling into dust. The seas, rivers, and lakes bubbled, and sweltering clammy mists rose in clouds. To add to this cataclysm, the earth began to tremble; and then whole mountain sides were wrenched and torn away as though some horrific savage monster was tearing at its prey.

Crevises and vast chasms appeared and trees and buildings crashed to the ground. In the major cities terror stricken people went running and screaming through the debris. Little children, with teddies in one hand and clutching their mothers in the other, tried to flee in vain from the pursuing hell.

The sea was a scene of absolute carnage. Dead fish, boiling skeletons and blood covered its surface. They were like enormous fermenting cauldrons. As the torturing days passed, all the rivers became bone dry and the sea beds were left full of cracks, with decaying plants and rotting skeletons. Even the famous Amazon and the Mississippi were dry apart from the trickle of water which made its way painfully along. The whole earth had been sapped of its water and all nature including humans were perishing.

Days stretched into weeks, and weeks into months and still the intense heat prevailed. Gradually the earth dried up completely, like a shrivelled orange. Then it came — an ear splitting explosion which split the earth into millions of fragments. The debris started its orbit round the sun, for ever and ever.

Alan Rudoff. 1/9





When the clouds roved
The sky, and the sun glowed
With the end of the day,
And majesterial play
Was at work, in a way
Of transforming the odd
To the beautifully sad,
The chimneys and roofs
Were removed from their settings
Of harshness, and put high aloof
From their day-place of gutterings
And dirt and forebodings,
And holied with oranges
And shadows of ominous length.
Th'Inhabitants beneath —
Untold of their wonderful wreath —
Were sitting
Knitting.
And their spouses
Had long-lasting bouts
Of slithering bittering beer
Down their mouths.
And all was at ease.
The church sounded pleased
As it rang round the town
For all kids to lie down —
As did parents feel too.
And good tales were told
As nightfall descended
And silence crescend'ed
Onto that place of golden indifference.
And livid flowers yawned
And closed — goodnight!
Greenish lawns
Went dull with night
And phosphorescent in the light
Of aspidistraed window-boxes.
And kaleidoscopically,
The lights went slowly off
And heralded, quite typically,
The passing of another day.

And all was complacently well
As the atom-bomb fell
On the town where hell
Was far from the dwell-
ing place of those few souls.

CAPOW!

H B. Eder 6BM.1

CANAL

The sun was hot and glared in the sky. The trees passed slowly on either side in procession. The cat-walk of the boat was warm. He lay there, reading a book, holding it high above his head protecting his eyes from the sun's glare. Precariously balanced on the three foot wide prow, his ears listened to the gentle thud of the noisy motor as it ploughed along far behind him, and to the sloosh of the water round the prow. He finished his book and turned onto his stomach and looked over the side. The water of the canal was muddy and mysterious ghostly patterns and designs were formed. Looking up he could see the majesty of the distant aquaduct, its delicate pillars framing the river in the valley. Half way across, dangerously perched another boat surged on its way.

The water was now deeper and clear. The fish darted from the boat and the weeds lazily waned from side to side. The prow cut through the water and churned up white foam and bubbles.

The sun went in suddenly and he looked up. A bank of cloud, dark and terrible, had risen above the hills and was edging towards the boat

"There's going to be a storm Peter," he cried to the boy who was steering.

He jumped clinging to the rope. His feet hit the earth and he ran a few steps and then tugged hard on the rope. Slowly the boat halted and came into the bank, crushing the reeds, till it hit gently on the mud.

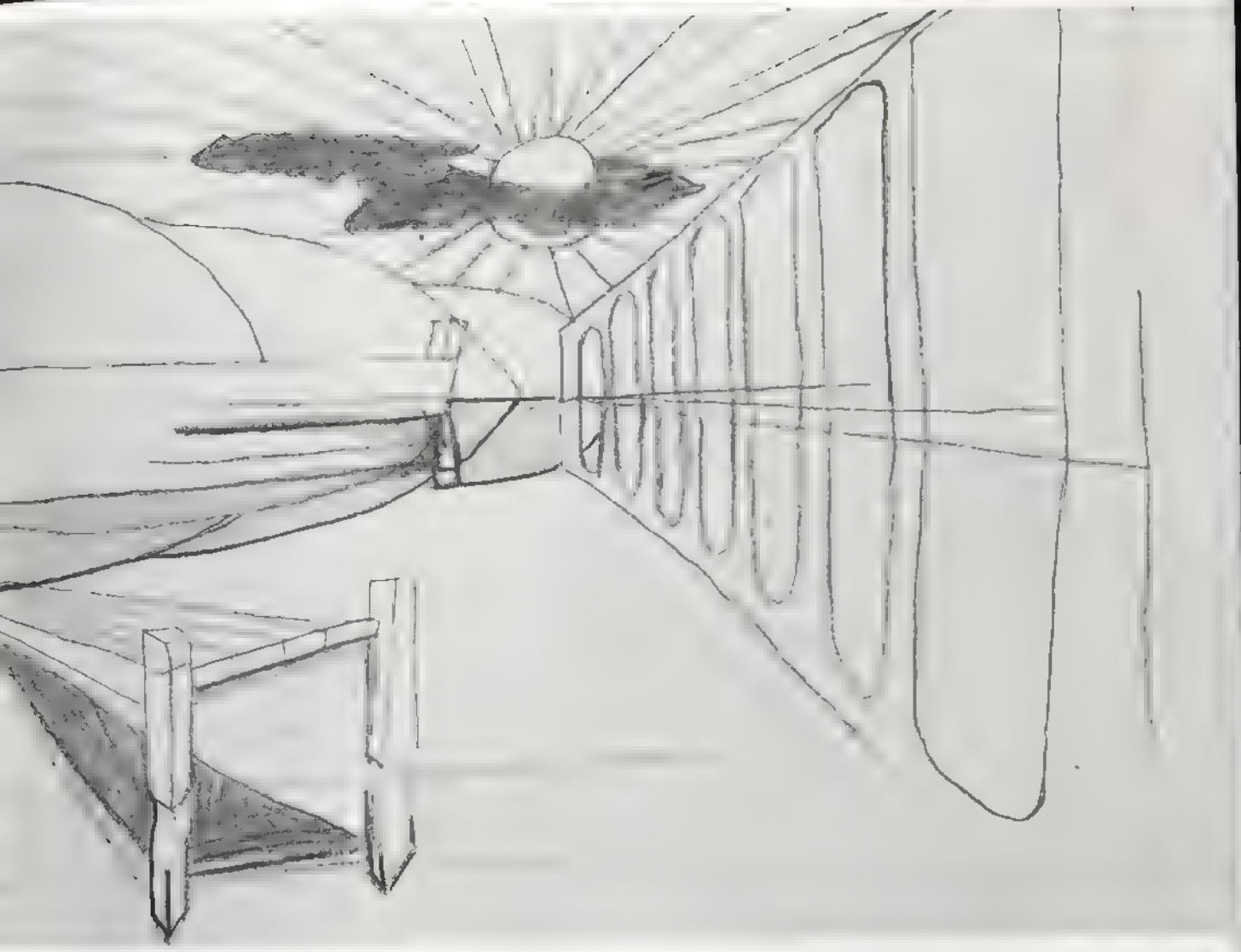
"Put up the cover," shouted Peter into the cabin, when he had flung the mallet and mooring spikes to the bank.

The mallet's large iron head went rhythmically up and down on the head of the mooring spike. It was driven deep in the soft yielding soil among the grass blades. With each stroke the storm came nearer.

When the last clip on the cover was turned, the last hit of the mallet, the last twist of the rope in the knot, when all was done, the rain began. At first the drops were soft and few. They splashed in the canal as though fish were leaping. Soon the rain came in earnest and the boy's field of vision, as he sat on the roof, diminished to yards. Grey, the falling drops covered the country. Near trees loomed black and indistinct. The canal was as a surging tempest tossed sea. Rain hit it and a jet of water, a fountain, shot up and fell. From the point of impact circles, waves spread out. Soon they hit other waves and formed crests and white horses. The raging water was grey and turbulent. No fish, no weeds could be seen.

His hair dripping, trousers soaked the boy walked along the tow-path. Dripping trees showered him with drops larger than the rain. As he turned the corner a flash of lightning burst from the heavens, like the spear of Lugh and the wheels of Thor's chariot ground in the clouds.

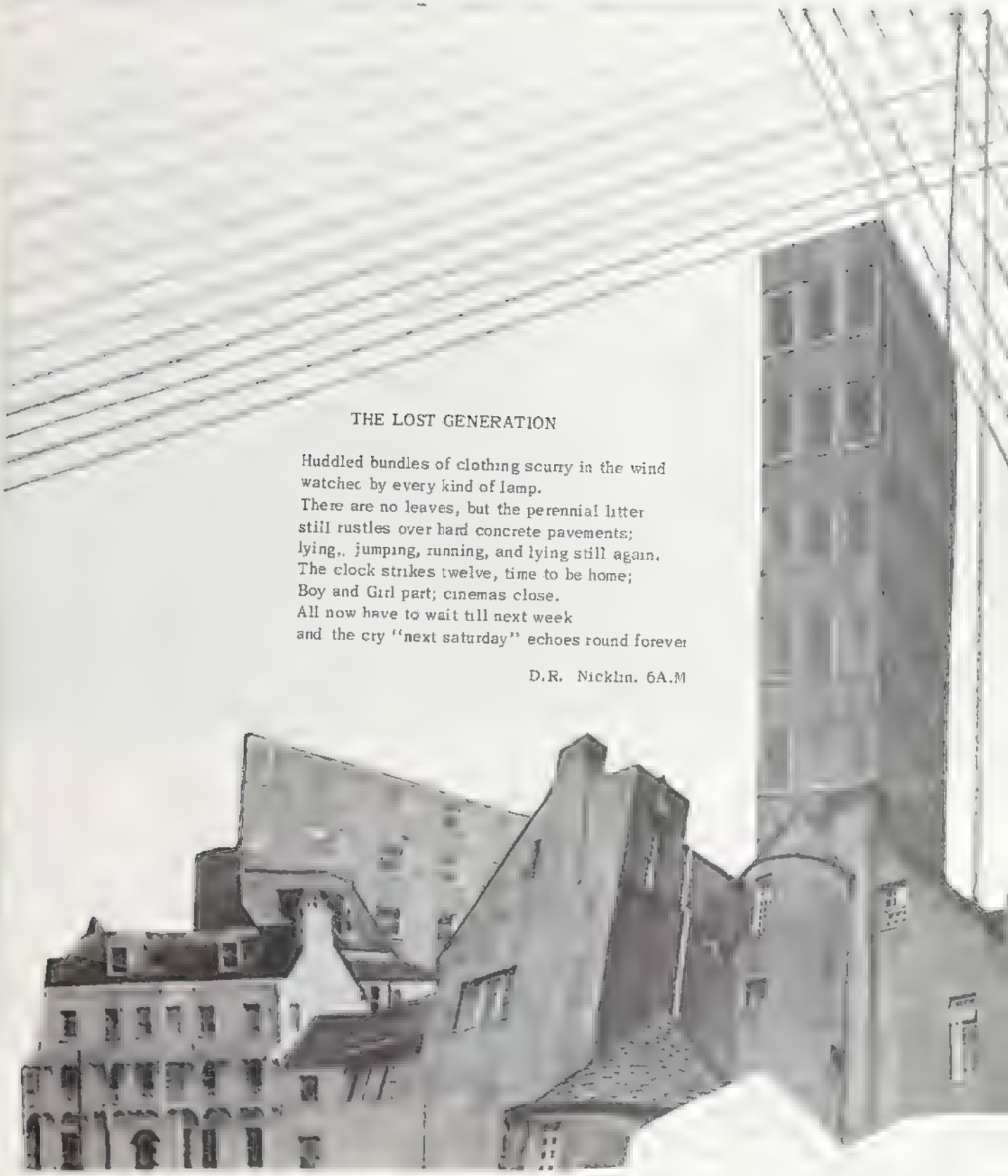
At a bridge, the boy climbed the bank and crossed a field. In the distance he saw cows sheltering under oaks. Through a gap in the hedge he came to a hollow with a high steep slope on one side; on the other and in front was a wood. Sitting silent in the grass and rain he looked at the trees, sad in the patter of drops on the leaves. Forlorn and alone. The lightning every now and then exposed the drooping leaves high above him. He was small and almost worshiping the wood in the cold, brief, white flashes. Slowly the wind rose and the trees swayed. The wind touched their leaves, setting them twirling and rustling. It hit the branches and pushed them, nudging them. It tugged at the rain, driving it hard into the boy's face. The sharpness, the bitter, cold, hard temper of the rain drove into his wet mat of hair.



He thought of the Thunder-chariot of the Lord of the Storm drawn by the seven-horse winds. He rose and stood, the rain bouncing from his shoulders, gazing entranced at the wood. His hair dripped and in his mind and heart was the sadness the enchantment of the wood. the dryads, the nymphs of the trees.

His bare feet wandered through the wet grass, up the slope to the top. Looking down on the sea of pattering green leaves, he felt the wind strong in his hair. He turned and shut his eyes as the rain drove onto them and into his mouth, skin, hair and mind. He returned to the valley and walked over the fields, over the bridge and back along the tow-path. The rain was stronger, with the wind, and the water of the canal raged in fury. The drops splashed loudly, the leaves pattered, the grass and water hissed and the wind blew the creaking trees. The boy climbed through the hatch, changed his soaked trousers, dried his hair and laid on the bed, dreaming. From the other cabin came the sounds of his friends playing bridge.

Alaric Sumner. 6B.M.5.



THE LOST GENERATION

Huddled bundles of clothing scurry in the wind
watched by every kind of lamp.
There are no leaves, but the perennial litter
still rustles over hard concrete pavements;
lying,, jumping, running, and lying still again.
The clock strikes twelve, time to be home;
Boy and Girl part; cinemas close.
All now have to wait till next week
and the cry "next saturday" echoes round forever

D.R. Nicklin. 6A.M

A SONNET TO A SUMMER DAZE

From trees and hedges music fills my ears,
Whilst hot hazed rays blare down from heaven's skies.
The tranquil summer eases all my fears
With slow and peaceful buzzing swirling flies.
A painful silence hums within my brain,
Then squirrels rush along the crackling trees,
The thrush's song repeats without refrain,
And flowers bow their heads 'neath swarming bees.
Kaleidoscopic patterns start to grow
As wind-blown pollen darts before my sight.
Mosquitoes swiftly buzzing to and fro,
And slow receding day yields summer night.
I watch the birds return with food to rest—
Then lay my head upon the grass to rest.

Anon.

RHYTHM AND BLUES IN A GRAVEYARD.

I stand here.
A phantom in the night,
I can feel my heart
Beat a quick pulsating rhythm,
Pumping, proof of life.

I look about,
Frightened of the dark,
I can feel my feet,
Knock a fast trembling rhythm,
Shuddering, from time to time.

I see them,
The phantoms of the dead,
I can see their bones
Rise, with a clicking rhythm,
Dancing, infinity of death.

I see her,
My lost love of the twenties,
I can't feel her heart
Beat its quick pulsating rhythm,
Nothing, proof of death.

She notices me,
No feeling in her blood,
I can feel her crying
Slowing me to a sad melancholy rhythm,
Hurting, all my hopes.

I cry out for her,
A sad servant of the devil;
I can hear her cries
Screech with a loud longing rhythm,
Waiting, hope of love.

I see them,
The spirits of my friends;
I now see them go
With a fast xylophonic rhythm,
Laughing, lost love the most.

I shed tears,
The waters of my heart,
I can feel my sobs
Cry with a slow burning rhythm,
Scorching, brain and heart.

She stands there,
My dear one, looking evil!
I now hear her laugh
Scream a loud mocking rhythm,
Echoing, everywhere.

I fall down,
My burnt heart at my feet;
I can feel no love.
Now come, the lovely sleeping rhythm
Ending hopes and fears!

J.P. Cohen. 2.17.

ASHES

The purge, this spring, this year;
Mothballs are replaced by mothballs,
Hangers are released by defunct clothes,
Obsolete silk stockings
Slump on the dressing table
To be removed for paint strainers.
An old army uniform remains
Perched on top of a pile
For a kinky daughter.
The overlong, post-war dress
And other bits of past decadence
Trinkets long past caring where they are,
Necklaces, now too small, could only strangle,
A single pearl from nowhere,
To be kept for the bazaar,
A pile of books,
Dustbound relics of a year or so
When deceit flattered your pretensions.
It needs must be burnt.
A new incinerator swallows twenty years
In one greedy afternoon
And chokes the neighbours in the process.

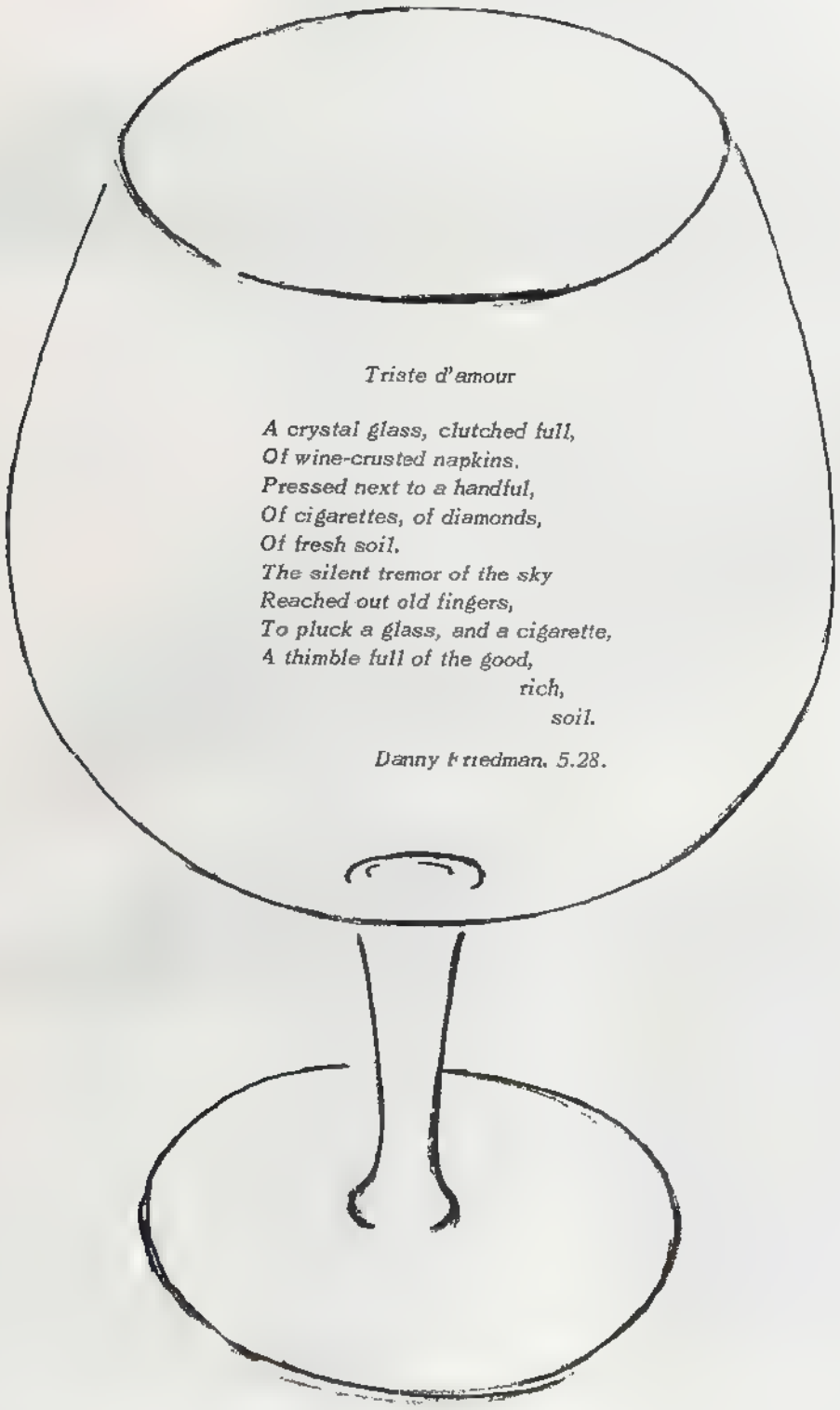
David Kitchen. 6.AM.3.



CHANCE

The ward
The bed
The body,
In silent agony it lies.
Once a potent virile human being,
Now a vegetable
Rendered useless by the ravages of disease.
Honi soit qui mal y pense, or so they say
But it doesn't work like that.
You or me or anyone could be that
Body on the bed
In the ward.

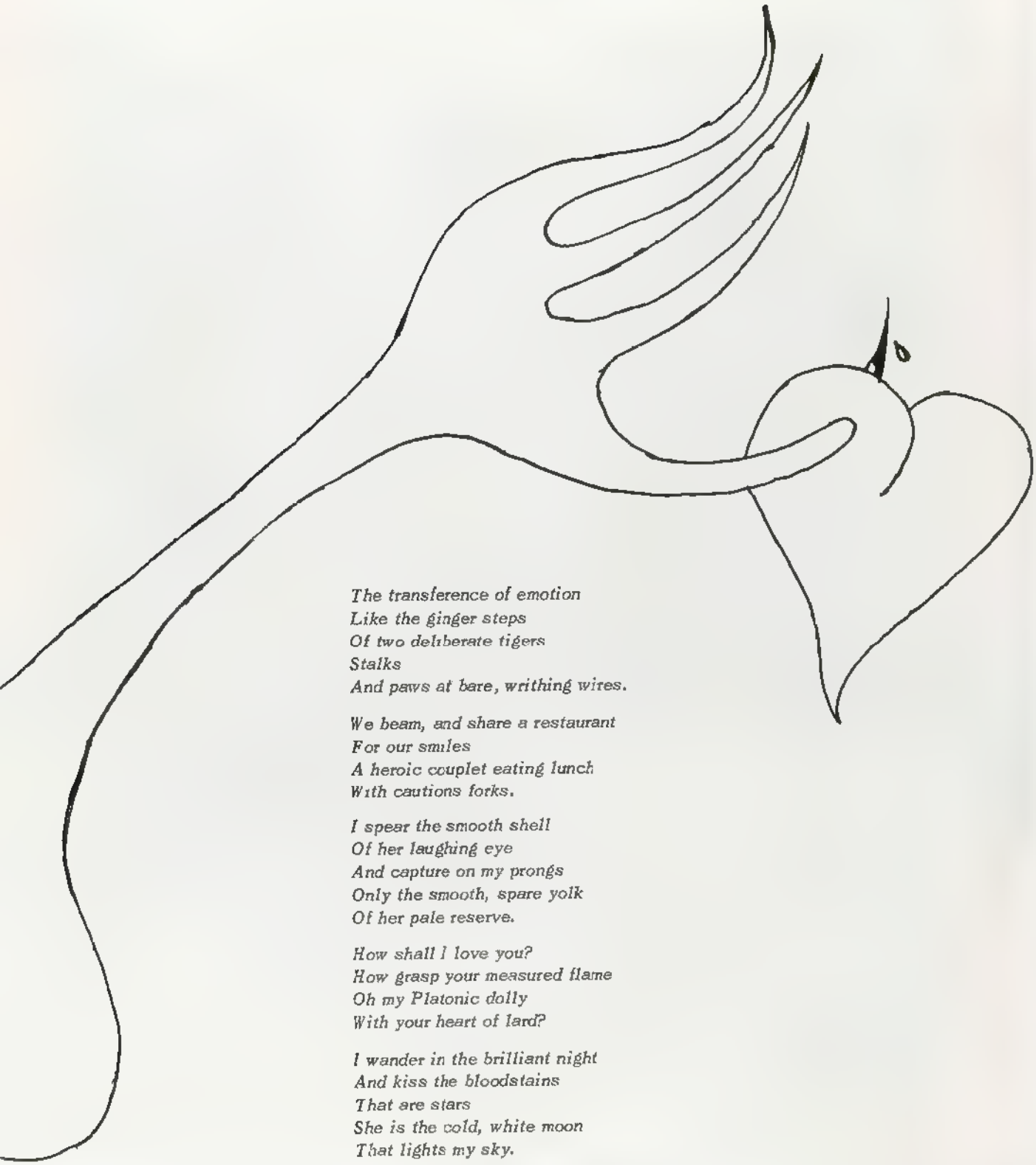
Anon.



Triste d'amour

A crystal glass, clutched full,
Of wine-crusted napkins.
Pressed next to a handful,
Of cigarettes, of diamonds,
Of fresh soil.
The silent tremor of the sky
Reached out old fingers,
To pluck a glass, and a cigarette,
A thimble full of the good,
rich,
soil.

Danny Friedman. 5.28.



The transference of emotion
Like the ginger steps
Of two deliberate tigers
Stalks
And paws at bare, writhing wires.

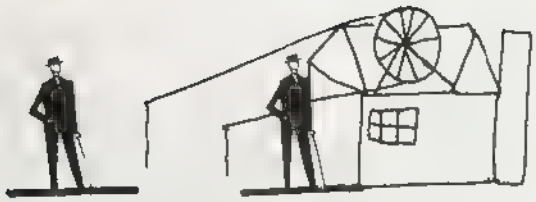
We beam, and share a restaurant
For our smiles
A heroic couplet eating lunch
With cautions forks.

I spear the smooth shell
Of her laughing eye
And capture on my prongs
Only the smooth, spare yolk
Of her pale reserve.

How shall I love you?
How grasp your measured flame
Oh my Platonic dolly
With your heart of lard?

I wander in the brilliant night
And kiss the bloodstains
That are stars
She is the cold, white moon
That lights my sky.

David Templer.6.SM.1.



MINES

ODE TO A BLACKENED FACE

Down, down, the shaft sinks down,
The lift creaks, rivets rattle,
Walls all around me, grey, black, brown.
And down I go.

Tension taut, tension slacker,
The shaft grows darker than the night,
And all around the face grows blacker,
So down I go, no light no light.

With a grinding screech of steel we halt,
Gates crash open, lamps are lit.
I stare around an endless vault,
Defineable, yet undefined, and on we go.

As I walk I see a flicker here and there,
And all the time the walls grow narrower,
The ceiling lower, a head, an ear, a strand of hair,
And further into the belly of the earth we press.

Up ahead the coal face looms,
The god to which we men must slave,
Like rats we scuttle across the floor
Of this our black, dank, musky cave.

Then the inevitable happens as it must,
The ceiling cracks and falls above the face.
What are we now? A pile of rubble and of dust;
A slowly dying mass of man.

A million miles above us life goes on.

Peter Kent. 6A.Mod.4.



SPRING

I saw the small man coming up the path
From my window. Bushes blew apart
To greet him. In his hand a dirty book
Was held, embarassed. He began to smile.
The bock concerned life
What we should have done,
And what we should do.
He began. "There'll be no frost tonight
You know, as the wind no longer blows
From Greenland's icy mountains. Yes, the wind
Has changed." I agreed that spring had come.
He took back the book and turned to go.
"But the weather is turning again," he proclaimed.
And the bushes clutched at the book in his hand.

Sam Gieve. 6.AM.3.

sports



rugby 1st. XV

"The 1st XV enjoyed a highly successful season, winning 7 out of 12 matches."

Not wanting to depart from tradition I have used an introductory phrase used often in the past by rugby captains in their reports. However I would then go on to lay great emphasis on one word in that phrase, and that is 'enjoyed'. Above all this season has been an enjoyable one, both on the field, in match and practice, and off the field. The attitude of the players has been favourable, and this has been reflected in the high degree of success that has been attained.

An attractive brand of Rugby was offered, but only with the consent of the elements, one in particular, and as the season progressed the team became competent in all aspects of the game and gave several outstanding performances, notably against St. Albans and Royal Masonic. The forwards were light and mobile and despite the lack of weight they secured a fair amount of possession from the tight scrums. Loose scrummaging showed a considerable improvement on previous years, thanks to the efforts of Messrs. Yeabsley and Wrench, and the forwards also gained more than their fair share of possession from the lines-out, this being to some extent attributable to the improvement in rucking. As a pack they were competent in all three aspects of forward play without excelling in any one of them and although they had a few bad matches, generally they acted as an efficient unit and obtained a lot of good ball for the threequarters, which they in turn put to excellent use. Injuries apart, the seven backs kept their positions throughout the season, and an understanding grew which was demonstrated by the smooth combination of the threequarters in attack and defence, and in particular by a number of very fine tries which they scored.

The team was wonderfully equipped to be a running side attacking through its three-quarters. The forwards were light and mobile and ideally they wanted quick possession for the potentially dangerous threequarter line, any member of which had the ability to make a break and set up an attacking position. In short the team was a dry weather, firm pitch side. Unfortunately because of this, the one disappointing feature of the season was the rapid deterioration of the school pitches, which forced us either to play a type of game to which the team was not suited, or to play to our strength and try to beat the conditions. Although this is by no means an excuse in that any competent side should be able to adapt itself to the prevailing conditions, the state of the pitches at Elstree was an important factor in our three home defeats. The statistics confirm the team's form on the firmer pitches away from home, as our home record reads:- Won 3. Lost 3. Points for 37. Points against 21., whereas our away record reads:- Won 4. Drawn 1. Lost 1. Points for 83. Points against 20. In addition to this, of 26 tries scored, 8 were scored at home and 18 away.

The season opened with the sound defeat of City of London by 16 points to 3. It was not a very inspiring performance, with only a few bright moments, but it served as a satisfactory opening to the season. Emanuel beat us by two tries to one, in wet conditions, in a game in which the forwards never really got up steam. Against Trinity the team suffered from bad finishing in the early stages, the opposition providing a sound defence, but after a couple of breaks Haberdashers' ran out winners by 20 points to 0. Our only defeat away from home was at Wymondham, where the team, suffering from the after effects of a long coach journey, came up against a very fit and lively side. Bancrofts were beaten 26—0 and Bedford Modern 3—0, in a scrappy game, highlighted only by good tackling by the threequarters and a fierce but belated fight by 7 forwards after the scrum half had been injured. The forwards had an off day against Monmouth, our annual rivals, and were beaten in every aspect of the game, the team

losing by 3 points to 6 points. Both sets of threequarters looked dangerous but neither got much ball due to the conditions, and thus a potentially good and open game was spoilt. However, the following saturday the team turned in the best performance of the season in beating St. Albans, 14–3. The forwards dominated the game, acting as an independent attacking unit, the whole team tackled and defended well under pressure and the possession gained was turned into three fine tries. Against Royal Masonic the team played with the same sort of drive and determination, and playing perhaps lesser opposition achieved a 17–0 victory, in a game full of exciting threequarter play. Berkhamsted were beaten 12–3 in a game that deteriorated after half-time. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet beat us by a penalty goal to nil in a dour struggle in the Elstree mud and we drew with Merchant Taylor's, in another game in which both threequarter lines looked potentially dangerous but were not allowed to demonstrate their skills because of the atrocious conditions.

In stating that the team enjoyed a successful season and giving reasons why, I cannot possibly omit the assistance, both active and passive, and the advice, given to myself and the team by the staff. Mr. Davies, although only recently promoted to the position of Director of Physical Education, a position involving increased responsibility and paperwork, was able to train and coach the side and gave up a lot of spare time attending matches and practices. Messrs. Wrench, Yeabsley and Snook also attended most of the practices and gave a considerable amount of practical assistance. Together they created a favourable atmosphere, which laid a good foundation for the building of a confident, fit and successful side.

Particular thanks are also due to Mr. Wrench for inviting a team of guests to play against the school side. His team included 1 British Lion, 1 England International, 1 England trialist and 3 county players, plus several members of the Harlequin R.F.C. All watching and participating would I think agree that the school put up a very good performance in only losing by 22 points to nil.

R.E.G. Walters.

Team.— R.A. Barlow**, G.F. Baruch**, S.N. Cox**, J.L. Evans**, C.C. Green***, S. Hardman**, P.F. Humber***, D. Isaacs***, P.S. Mackie***, R.S. Page***, J.H. Rhodes***, A.P Scott***, D.J. Stechler**, R.E.G. Walters***, P.D. Williams**

Also Played:— A.C. Blessley*, R.M. Davis*, R A. Foster**, L.O. Hughes, M.H. Ross*, P.H. Rule, G.R.L. Seal,* K.C.G. White.

Full Colours : *** Half Colours: ** 1st XXX Colours: *

2nd. XV

The season began in an encouraging way with numerous boys competing for team selection. The first match against City of London was a confident win and the prospects for the season seemed high. The team settled down to play a reasonable standard of Rugby and while enthusiasm and determination was very apparent during matches there appeared to be a general lack of response at after school practices. This was particularly unfortunate as the Seconds were never at full strength and the experience which could have been gained as a team when in opposition to the Firsts was therefore lost.

Although we lost more games than we won, most of the defeats were marginal and in some cases we were unlucky to lose.

There appeared to be no outstanding players but the all round standard was encouraging. The Pack was led by 'Twiggy' Calvert whose verbal encouragement was of seventy minutes duration and will be remembered for many a long year. The three-quarters occasionally showed useful imagination in their runs and several of the tries were scored in the 'corner'. The sad lack of training was obvious in the second half and this coupled with a noticeable lack of backing up by the majority of team players was the main weakness in the side.

Towards the end of the season, spirits rose again resulting in two convincing wins over Royal Masonic and Berkhamsted when the team showed much skill and determination.

Owing to poor weather, the last two matches were cancelled the season finally ending with a total of four wins and six losses.

R.A. Foster (Captain)

Team:— D.A. Ahmed, A.C. Blessley*, W.P.D. Calvert, D.D. Clark-Lowes, R.M. Davis*, R.F. Dix, N.M. Feldmann, R.A. Foster**, J.J.F. Herbert, M.I. Leigh, W.P. McIver, P.G. Moss, P.W. Newby, M.L.H. Payling, M.G.T. Rosenthal, M.H. Ross*, J L. Sanders, G.R.L. Seal*, A. Wolfson.

Colours:— Half ** 1st XXX *.

3rd. XV

The 3rd XV it would seem had a rather depressing season, winning only one game and drawing another. Yet the team was not without potential and there existed some enthusiasm and determination, all of which were not really exploited to the full.

In the early half of the season the team was disorganised and totally unfit, but even so we only lost narrowly. This was mainly due to changes in the team each week, due to promotions or unavailability, which also made the building up of team spirit difficult. This is important, particularly in the third XV rugby.

In the latter half of the season, when the team did become a little more settled, there were some fine performances against Berkhamsted and Queen Elizabeth. Ball, I feel, should be singled out for some exceptional kicking along with Gunton and White who played well in the back row.

Finally, I should like to thank both Mr. Hedge and Mr. Griffiths for the time and trouble they took in selecting and training the team and the encouragement they gave us all.

P.D. Reiss (Captain)

Team from:— D.A. Ahmed, N.W. Alexander, M. Ball, A.C. Blessley, H. Chryssaphes, P.M. Clements, P G. Cook, R.A. Crabb, M.A.R. Gibson, C.R. Gunton, S. Hafiz, R.A. Horne, T.M. Jessell, P.G. Moss, P.G. Reiss, S.G. Rowe, T. Sharland, G. White.

U16 XV

Our team seemed doomed to lose two matches, as it had done each previous season. Fate had its way and we fell to Bedford Modern and Merchant Taylors. However seven victories were recorded and the season was most successful, judged not only on the results obtained, but also on the high standard of rugby maintained throughout.

The team had a powerful pack which excelled in the loose and the creation of second phase attack. The backs thrived on the abundance of good ball and as a unit were as good as any colt's side can hope for.

The essence of our play was team-work, the front row, good as it was, could not have made any impression without the support of the back row and vice-versa. Similarly the backs played very much with and to the forwards, backing up and support were supremely important and it was with this method of play that our team achieved the ultimate rewards.

The match against Bedford produced some excellent rugby and it was only a goal in the final minute which prevented the rightful result of a draw. No one had any moans about that defeat, yet we count ourselves unlucky to have lost at Merchant Taylors. Injuries and losses to the first fifteen forced us to field a team containing four reserves. We then lost two further players with injury and played the second half with thirteen men. It was therefore no disgrace to lose to Taylors, one of the strongest schools we play.

Victories were won against Emanuel and Trinity, both of whom had previously defeated us and Wymondham, one of the top rugby schools in the country. Queen Elizabeth's, St. Albans, Berkhamsted and Royal Masonic were defeated. In the match against Masonic our threequarters excelled themselves with Moore scoring the only hat trick of the season. The victory over Queen Elizabeth's marked the end of an era of five years undefeated rugby at Elstree.

The successes were due to all-round team effort, but special mention must be made of Higham our stand-off half. He was the most improved player in the side and his kicking and general ability were an enormous asset.

The prospects for a successful first fifteen in two years are good if the same enthusiasm and ability is shown as was last season.

Our thanks are extended to Messrs. Bell and Yeabsley and all the games staff who helped train the team.

The success of the team can be judged by the number of colours awarded at the end of the season, although Breen was unlucky not to receive his just reward for 5 years service. Finally I would like to thank the team for producing a most enjoyable season's rugby for me and I am sure for them.

G. Seaman (Captain)

Team:— G. Seaman*, P. Rule*, J. Frenkel*, C. Wilson*, G. Simpson, N. French*, S. Cronbach*, W.J. Van Gnethuysen*, C.I.K. Harris*, M. Higham*, R. Swain*, P. Breen, I. Moore*, C. Newbold*, L. Hughes*, N. Alexanda.

Also played:— G. Davies, A. Forrester, McNeill. *Colours.

U15 XV

The under–15's remained the most successful team this season with a 100% record. Our home record of winning every game since the first year was maintained. The first match was against a strong Trinity team who we beat 8–6. This was probably our hardest match. Next we played at Bancrofts. We were 5 3 down until a penalty was scored 2 minutes from the end. Against Bedford Modern and Berkamsted we had easy victories, but were pushed as always to overcome a consistent St. Albans side and tough Q.E. side.

The outstanding factor in the side was its powerful defence, its neverending enthusiasm and guts and the reliability of Gershfield's kicking which prevented a lose in 3 matches. Many thanks to Messrs. Yeabsley and Wrench whose expert training led to our success and to Mr. Bennett who refereed the home matches.

Simon Auden (Captain)

The entire team was awarded colours.

Team:– T.G. Barker*, A.J. Bateson, J.M. Beales, M.S. Brown, R.H. Bunn, A.P. Coral, R.P. Crame, M.A. Edwards*, C.H. Flasjner, S.J. Fleet, P.D. Gordon, A.W. Goudie (Capt.)*, S.G. Lewis, W A.F. Paluch, M.A.F. Raw, M.P. Smith*, J.R. Stanley*, D.C. Willis.

Colours *

U14 XV

The season has been one of continued improvement, as can be seen from the results. The rucking and set pieces have been the outstanding features of the side's play; these were well backed up by set ploys.

The most disappointing aspect was the tackling which was non-existent in the last game and brought about their only defeat.

The future can be viewed with cautious optimism.

Played 7 – Won 3 – Drew 3 – Lost 1.

D.I.Y.

UNDER 11 Soccer Results for 1968–69

Fairfield School	Away Lost 1–8	Home Won 2–0
Lochinver House School	Away Drew 2–2	Home Drew 2–2

Captain D.I. Ackerman. Goal Scorers.– Tarry 1, Leigh 2, Ackerman 2, Peters 2

RUGBY CLUB 68–69

Team	1st XV	2nd XV	3rd XV	4th XV	U.16 XV	U.15 XV	U.14 XV	U.13 XV
City of London	16–3	41–0	C	–	C	C	24–10	–
Emanuel	3–6	6–45	–	–	17–0	–	C	–
Trinity	20–0	9–0	3–11	–	24–14	8–6	19–3	–
Wymondham	3–14	3–13	–	–	14–6	–	–	–
Bancrofts	26–0	C	–	–	C	8–6	–	–
Bedford Modern	3–0	0–12	6–12	9–18	3–8	16–8	11–0	–
Monmouth	3–6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
St. Albans	14–3	0–9	0–26	C	21–0	8–6	9–9	9–0
								3–3
Royal Masonic	17–0	26–3	–	–	31–3	–	–	–
Berkhamsted	12–3	8–0	3–3	–	15–3	17–0	9–9	
Q.U Barnet	0–3	3–6	12–5	16–18	20–0	11–9	8–24	15–0
Merchant Taylors	3–3	C	3–15	C	3–11	C	–	–
Mill Hill		–	C	C			–	–
Colet Court	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20–0
Beechwood Park	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20–0

sevens

The sevens team, without a great deal of practice together, performed remarkably well in the four tournaments it entered this year. It won the Hertfordshire Schools' Sevens and the Old Haberdashers' Club Sevens outright, was runner up in section B of the Oxford School Sevens and lost in the second round of the Rosslyn Park School Sevens (the major English tournament) to the losing finalists, scoring altogether 201 points and conceding 52 points.

Having had very little practice, the team did not really adopt any intricate sevens tactics. They achieved success by gaining a lot of possession, running well and backing up all the way. Most of the tries were scored either by orthodox threequarter movements or by breaks round the scrum or line-out by the forwards or the scrum half, supported by the others. This method of attack combined with the holding of a line in defence brought the team its success.

At Oxford everything went right on the day, the team combined well scoring a number of fine tries and gaining our revenge over Monmouth in the semi-final. The final could have been either team's game, but St. Nicholas G.S. Northwood, making use of a very fast winger were just ahead by two points when the final whistle went. In the Herts. sevens Haberdashers' met strong opposition in the semi-final and the final, but the team proved to beas strong in defence here as they had been in attack at Oxford. Both sides were restricted to a try apiece and they were beaten narrowly for the team to win the cup, the first won by a school rugby team for 4 years. In the Rosslyn Park sevens, with a reserve playing due to an injury, the team came up against Windsor G.S. in the second round. Prior to this they had won the Middlesex Schools' Sevens and were runners up in Section A at Oxford, and were a very competent seven. The team played very well scoring two excellent tries but unfortunately were beaten by 9 points to 8 points. Windsor then went on to win four more matches easily without conceding a point and then lost in the final by 6 points to 5 points to St. Edward's College, Liverpool. Haberdashers' thus had the honour of losing to the beaten finalists, and scoring more points against them than any other team did. A slightly changed school team, due to unavailability, also won the Old Haberdashers' Club Sevens, a competition run on a handicap system for all the teams in the Club, which the school was invited to enter.

Team (at Oxford, Herts, and Rosslyn Park)

R.A. Barlow, J.L. Evans, M.J. Higham, P.F. Humber, P.S. Mackie, R.S. Page, M.G.T. Rosenthal, A.P. Scott, R.E.G. Walters.

Team (Old Habs.)

D.A. Ahmed, R.A. Barlow, P.F. Humber, C.I. Newbold, R.S. Page, D.J. Stechler, R.E.G. Walters.

Results:—

Oxford Sevens.		Herts Sevens.	
v R.C.S. High Wycombe	8—3	v Bushey G.S.	23—0
v Colfe's G.S.	17—0	v The Cavendish School	8—5
v Burton G.S.	11—3	Final:	
v Monmouth School	11—3	v Berkhamstead School	8—3
Final			
v St. Nicholas G.S.	13—15	Rosslyn Park Sevens	
		v Brighton College	14 5
		v Windsor G S	8—9

fives

The school team has had quite a successful season, winning 5 of its 8 matches. The results would have been even better, had it not been for several injuries. These did, however, have the effect of giving more people the experience of playing in inter-school matches. Our most pleasing performance was against the Old Boys. After losing to an O.H. Etceteras IV at the beginning of the season, we defeated the O.H. 1st. IV (87—84) in our final match. (According to a reliable source this was the first time that the school has defeated the O.H 1st IV for at least ten years).

Thanks are due to the Old Boys, who have provided so many opportunities for us to broaden our playing experience, and also to Mr. Alan Taylor for his continued encouragement.

J.R. Partridge (Capt.)

Results.—

(H)	U.C.S.	W
(H)	O.H. Etceteras IV	L
(A)	U.C.S.	L
(A)	Merchant Taylors	W
(A)	Rutlish	W
(A)	Whitgift	L
(A)	Sutton Valence	W
(H)	O.H. 1st. IV	W

House Competition—

First Round:	R & S, byes
	H bt. M.
	J bt. C.
Semi Finals:	R. bt. J.
	S. bt. H.
Final:	R. bt. S.

Team:— 1st pair, J.R. Partridge (capt.) and M.B. Rolfe (sec.),
2nd pair, K. Weyman (V.capt.) and P.G. Tobia.

Also played:— N. Ward, J. Tecks, M.J. Bowller.

hockey 1st. XI

At the beginning of the year everyone in the Hockey Club was anticipating an enjoyable and successful season. All the essentials were present in the Club — a very good previous season, (the best since the sport was initiated in the school, being defeated by only one school side) 6 players remaining from last years first team, promising colts to fill this existing framework and, finally, tremendous enthusiasm and spirit amongst team members. Unfortunately the expectations and potential were never realized. Not due to the players but to the unbelievable wetness of the weather. This was the non-season to top all non-seasons. 9 of the 12 fixtures were cancelled and only 2 of the 3 played were on grass.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the season was that despite the tremendous frustration and disappointment caused by the weather the team never lost interest or enthusiasm. This was largely due to the unrelenting efforts of Mr. Talbot, who, in his first year as master i/c of hockey could not have been faced with a more gruelling task. The keenness of all was exemplified by the regularity with which training was attended by the entire team knowing that the chances of playing at the end of the week were virtually nil.

The first match of the season to be played was against Dulwich on the all weather pitch at the Crystal Palace recreational centre. Previous to this the team had played together only once. It was therefore quite surprising that our play was so fluent and in the initial stages several chances were made but not taken. At half time Dulwich were more than happy to be level 0–0. Mid way through the second half however they scored two identical goals within 3 minutes of each other, which completely dashed our hopes of a win. Their defence remained solid until the end and the final score was 2–0

One point emphasised by this match was the lack of thrust in the forwards, who failed to make capital of the numerous chances that were created by the skillful and fast approach work. It was therefore decided to move Barlow, who had been playing in goal in the side for 1½ seasons, to centre forward, where with Page he would form a duel spearhead and thus add more drive and thrust. However it was not until ¾ of the way through the season that the validity of the move could be tested. To the satisfaction of everyone concerned it was an enormous success as shown by the 4–1 defeat of Bancrofts. Three of the goals were scored in the first half when the Bancrofts defence was completely destroyed by the speed and decisiveness of our attack. The second half however was not dominated by either side, probably due to slight complacency throughout the team.

The third and final match of the season was against a strong Hitchen side who had 3 county players and 6 trialists in their side. Once again however our fast, skillful approach work, combined with the duel centre forwards gave us dominance for most of the match. Only at the start of each half did Hitchen take control and play better hockey. The final score was 3–1 but could well have been 5 or 6 had the umpiring not been rather unnecessarily harsh in the second half when 3 goals were disallowed for very minor offences.

The only major fault that was evident from the last two games of the season was the complacency that developed throughout the side when a two goal lead was established. Nothing is more demoralising than losing such a lead due to lackadaisical play of the team. Fortunately in both matches our supremacy was soon re-established. However with a little less luck the results could have been reversed.

As in past seasons the finale was to have been the Midland Bank 6–a–side tournament at New Beckenham, but due to the weather the tournament was held indoors and reduced to 5–a–side. With a combination of robust and skillful hockey the school reached the semi final where we were defeated by Kingston G.S. the eventual winners. Our success in this competition was slight compensation for the frustration and disappointment of the rest of the season.

Our thanks and commiserations go to Mr. Packer and the other groundsmen who spent ma hours a day trying to prepare the waterlogged pitches against overwhelming odds. This season more than any before has stressed the need for an all weather pitch similar to those of the Crystal Palace and Harlow, where several games can be played in rapid succession without any detrimental effect to the surface. There are now plans for the construction of such a surface at school and I only hope they materialise because another season like this one could cause the end of hockey in the school.

Finally thanks to Messrs. Bunker, Dawson, Watson, Flashman, Yeabsley and in particular Mr. Talbot who has very successfully continued the good work of Mr. Thomas. I wish him every success in future seasons.

P.S. Mackie.

Team P.S. Mackie**, A.P. Scott**, P.D. Williams**, R.A Barlow**, V K Der Burman* S. Page, L.O. Hughes, R.A. Foster, M. Rosenthal, G. Wilson, J Sanders

A'so played:– A. Humphris, Khan. ** Full Colours. * Half Colours.

Results:-	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	U.16 XI	U.18 XI
Dulwich	lost 0–2	lost 0–1		–	
Bancrofts	won 4–1	C.	–	lost 1 2	
Hitchin G.S.	won 3 1	won 4–0		C.	C
Mill Hill	–	won 3–0	–	–	won 2–0
Royal Masonic	C	C	C	C	lost 0 5
Merchant Taylors	C	C	lost 0 1	C	C

U15 XI

Owing to unfortunate climatic conditions three of our six matches were cancelled. However the three matches we did play demonstrated that the team is more than adequately supplied with talent.

The first match we lost 1 0 to a Royal Masonic team who outclassed us in the forward line, but, being our first match, we weren't too disappointed.

The next match though, against Millhill (who are renowned in the Hockey World), we won 2–1. Praise must go to the enthusiastic persistence of the team and the hearty approach of the outside left who scored both goals.

The last match, against Hitchin Grammar, we narrowly lost 1–0; Our defence proved to be a little below the high standard required to deter their forward line.

All our thanks go to Mr. R K. Talbot who has accomplished such a lot in such a short time.

Jon Pickard.

Results:–

	P	W	L	F	A
1st XI	3	2	1	7	4
2nd XI	3	2	1	7	1
3rd XI	1	–	1	0	2
U.16 XI	1	–	1	1	2
U.15 XI	2	1	1	2	5
			Total	17	14

Games cancelled 30. Games played 10.

Goal Scorers:– 1st XI – Barlow - 3, Scott - 2, Page - 1, Hughes - 1.
2nd XI – Brand - 2, Hafiz - 1, Innocenti - 1, Kahn - 1, Foster - 1, Reiss - 1.
U.16 XI – Evans - 1
U.15 XI – Auterac - 2.

cross country

CROSS–COUNTRY

Without doubt, the Cross-Country Club has had a successful season this year. It was hoped, at one time, that we might have an unbeaten season, achieved only twice in the history of the club (1958/9, 1959/60). Although we have not managed this, we have won a record 10 trophies and 84 medals; out of 29 matches, the 1st team were beaten only 4 times (all in trophy races) – twice when leading team members were missing, once against very much older teams from Guildford Technical College, and once by a markedly better IV from St. Dunstans, under conditions which suited them more than us – and the 1st team has beaten a total of 77 schools.

The strength of the team lay in its depth, as there was never a weak link in the 1st VI. For example, in the Ranelagh Harriers' Race (130 competitors), although our first man was only third, we had four in the first ten, and six in the first 22. The 1st VI (as opposed to the 1st IV) has been unbeaten, and in the Parry Trophy the 2nd IV gained third place, beating five first IV's.

Younger teams have not had many matches of their own since many of the younger members normally run for the senior teams. In several matches, no great success has been achieved, except when the U.14's gained second place in our own U.14 race – an unexpected and truly Commendable result.

This year, for the first time, the school entered the All-England Schools Championships. In the first round – the district trials – Atkins, Fleet and Mellor in the U.15 age group, Nash. A., Tanswell, Nash.R. and Kitchen I., in the U.17 and Clark-Lowes, Roer, Macarthur and myself in the seniors all qualified, with Goater (who was on the General Studies cruise) for the Herts. team. The All-England final though, proved a little disappointing. It was a new experience for most of the team to run in high class fields of over 300 runners. However, Goater came 21 in his race and Brown 36 in the senior race, beating many better known runners.

emerged this year as a very strong and capable 'running-mate' for Goater, and I wish all four long and successful careers in running. I should like to thank Clark-Lowes for his hard work as Secretary – a boring and unrewarding full-time task. He has been a very useful asset in the field and a tower of strength to me behind the scenes.

With all but myself of the first nine staying at school for next season, I think the club has every right to be optimistic and I wish Brown and Macarthur all the best in leading the team to even greater things next year.

A.L. Pinder (Captain)

RESULTS: (Trophy races only)

9th Nov.	John Lyon Road Relay	1st –	Cup, medals
13th Nov.	Harrow County Road Relay	1st –	Randall Trophy, medal
	3rd fastest lap, Goater	–	Medal.
20th Nov.	Guildford Relay	3rd –	
30th Nov.	St. Nicholas Relay	1st –	Kerton Trophy, medals
7th Dec.	Highgate Harriers' schools	2nd –	medals
	Juniors	8th	
25th Jan.	City of London Road Relay	2nd	
1st Feb.	Ranelagh Harriers' schools	1st –	Cup, medals
	3rd place, Brown	–	medal
5th Feb.	Haberdashers' Relay	1st –	Goater Cup, medals
8th Feb.	High Wycombe Relay	1st –	Cup and medals
22nd Feb.	Southgate Harriers' schools	1st –	Cup, medals
	Juniors	5th	
8th Mar.	Queens Park Harriers' schools relay	1st –	Parry Trophy, medals
	'B' team	3rd –	medals
	fastest lap, Brown, 2nd fastest lap, Goater	–	medals
8th Mar.	Langley U.15 relay	12th	
12th Mar.	Purley	2nd –	medals
	3rd place, Goater	–	medal
15th Mar.	Dr. Challoner's Relay	1st –	Cup, medals
	3rd fastest lap, Brown	–	Medal
15th Mar.	Haberdashers' U.14 race	2nd –	Medals
19th Mar.	Alleynes Relay	1st –	Shield, medals

Colours:	Full – new awards:	A.J. Nash, D.P. Tanswell.
	re-awards:	B.P.S. Brown, D.D. Clark-Lowes, J.N. Goater, A.L. Pinder.
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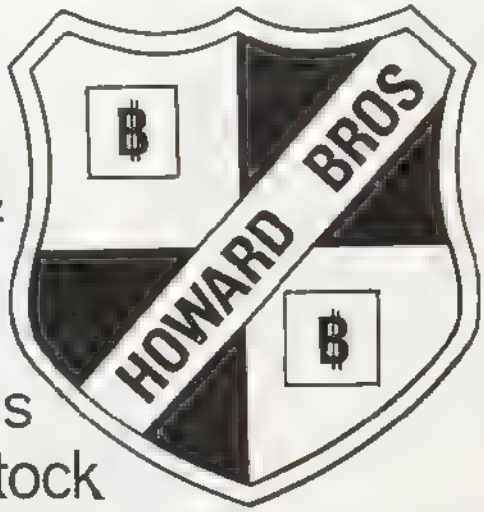
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Sun. August 24th	Club Night at the Clubhouse.
Fri. September 26th	Ladies Night at the Clubhouse.
Sun. September 28th	Club Night at the Clubhouse.
Thurs. October 2nd	Annual General Meeting and President's Reception at the Clubhouse.
Sun. October 26th	Club Night at the Clubhouse.
Sat. November 1st	Halloween Dance at the Clubhouse.
Sun. November 23rd	Club Night at the Clubhouse.
Sat. December 6th	Rugger Club Annual Dinner at the Hendon Hall Hotel.
Sat. December 20th	Christmas Dance at the Clubhouse.

BIRTHS

BOON: On 28th December 1968 to VIVIEN, wife of JOHN G. BOON (1950-56), a daughter, HARRIET.

BUSTARD: On 23rd October 1968, to MADELINE, wife of JOHN R. BUSTARD (1950-59), a son, RICHARD NICHOLAS.

COGGINS: On 25th April 1969, to NORMA, wife of DAVID E. COGGINS (1942 48), a son, SIMON DAVID.

COOPER: On 14th February 1969 to TONI wife of MALCOLM D. COCPER (1950-59), a son, RICHARD LAURENCE.

EVANS: On 7th May 1969 to ELAINE, wife of TRISTAN L. EVANS (1955-61), a daughter, JULIE – subject to further conferences!

FREITAG: On 22nd February 1969 to VALERIE, wife of PETER FREITAG (1940-47), a daughter, WENDY ANN.

KENT: On 29th October 1968, to MURIEL, wife of F. JOHN KENT (1947-55), a daughter, CATHERINE MURIEL ALISON.

LEVERTON: On 11th May 1969, to PATRICIA, wife of ROGER F. LEVERTON (1949-56), a daughter, NICOLA JANE.

LYLE: On 26th December 1968, to NANCY, wife of ROGER B. LYLE (1948-55), a son, JOHN ANDREW.

MADDOCKS: On 30th December 1968, to CLAUDIA, wife of KENNETH E. MADDOCKS (1938-40 and 43-44), a daughter CAMILLA JANE.

ODY: On 18th October 1968, to NADA, wife of KEITH ODY (1953-58), a daughter CATHERINE ANNE, sister for HELEN MARIE.

ST. JOHN: On 24th August 1968, to SUSAN wife of CHRIS. A. ST. JOHN (1948-57) a son, JEREMY ALEXANDER

MARRIAGES

BEAMAN-AMBLER: On 1st March 1969 at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, FINHAM, Warwicks, MICHAEL BEAMAN (1946-52) to Miss ANGELA AMBLER. MICHAEL J.B. CLOOTE (1940-48) was best man. WARWICK J. BEAMAN (1953-61) was also a guest.

BRASIER-ROGERS: On 30th May 1969, at St. Mary's Church, LOUGHTON, Essex. PETER J. BRASIER (1950-60) to Miss BOBBIE ROGERS.

CHILCOTT-EGAN: On 5th July 1969, at St. Mary's Parish Church, BARNES, ANDREW J. CHILCOTT (1959-66) to Miss SUSAN EGAN. PETER HAMMERSLEY (1958-65) was amongst the guests

CURLEWIS-GROSS: On 7th December 1968, at St Mary's Church, TICEHURST, Sussex. MICHAEL B. CURLEWIS (1953-60) to Miss PATRICIA GROSS. A. DOUGLAS HARRISON (1955-61) was a guest, as also ought to have been PHILIP R HERBERT (1955-61), who managed the Lagos/London part of his journey, but unfortunately lost himself in the wilds of Sussex.

CURTIS-OXENBOUD: On 31st May 1969, at the Church of the Ascension, WEMBLEY, ANTONY E.N. CURTIS (1949-56) to Miss DIANA LOUISE OXENBOUD. REG G. HOWE (1951-58) was a guest.

FREW-ORMOND: On 31st July 1968, at Llanrhos Parish Church, CAERNARVONSHIRE, CHRISTOPHER A.W. FREW (1956-63) to Miss ANNE ORMOND. DAVID J. DAVIS (1956-62) was best man

MACONACHIE-TAYLOR On 23rd November 1968, at St. Mary's Church, FINCHLEY, DAVID J. MACONACHIE (1945-53) to Miss ANNE TAYLOR. IAN P.H. MACONACHIE (1941-49) was best man and RAY M KIPPS (1947-55) an usher BARRY R. ALBONE (1952-60), DEREK G. KENWARD (1942-48), MICHAEL P. KIMBER (1944-52) and MAURICE O. NEWTON (1945-53) were also present.

MACKEGGIE-ARMSTRONG: On 24th May 1969, at All Saints' Church, Headley, BORDON, Hants, ALISTAIR D. MACKEGGIE (1953-59) to Miss JILL ANN ARMSTRONG of AUCKLAND, New Zealand. DONALD J. MACKEGGIE (1947-55) was best man

MAPLESDEN-KELLY: On 25th January 1969, at DANNEVIRKE, New Zealand, JON MAPLESDEN (1955-63) to Miss CARMELA KELLY

MARKS-LLOYD: On 23rd August 1968, at Bristol Register Office, RICHARD J.E. MARKS (1958-65) to Miss PATRICIA BORCAS LLOYD

WESCOTT-DODWELL: On 21st June 1969, at St James' Church, FULMER, Bucks. PETER WESCOTT (1955-62) to Miss JULIE CAROLYN DODWELL. W G. (BILL) LEWIS (1958-62) was best man and PETER M. FELIX (1955-62) and MARTIN E. POPE (1951-61) were also guests

THOMPSON-LOVELL: On 28th June 1969, at St. Lawrence Church, CATSFIELD, Sussex, ROBERT E. THOMPSON (1954-59) to Miss DIANE LOVELL DAVID C. GREEN (1954-59) was a guest.

ENGAGEMENTS

SMART-MONCUR On 21st August 1968, IAN C. SMART (1951-58) to Miss JUDITH MARGARET MONCUR. The wedding will take place on 16th August 1969 in NOTTINGHAM. There is no truth in the rumour that O.H C.C. will play NOTTS. C.C.C. at Trent Bridge as part of the festivities.

PERSONAL

GODFREY T. BAKER (1929-35) has recently been appointed Manager of the Westminster Bank at Bordeaux.

ANTHONY J. BASTIN (1944-50) is currently working on the Van der Graaf Accelerator at the New York State University at Stonybrook He would be pleased to hear from any local O.H. — his address is Moriches Road, St. James, Long Island, New York, U.S.A

CHRISTOPHER P. BELLIS (1959-64) has recently joined the Finance Staff of Rootes Motors Ltd. For a short while, lunch-time was a dangerous period for passers-by as he indulged in pre-season net practice with IAN C. SMART (1951-58) in the same office before the latter moved his office to darkest Coventry

A. JOHN DAVISON (1950-54) and his family left for a two year tour in Teheran. He is with Alan Grant and Partners, Consulting Engineers.

LEN G. FLUKE (1927-45) will be retiring from Liverpool College at the end of the Summer Term. He has been Second Master there for many years and will be moving to Ayrshire, where he has had a retreat for some time. Len sends his regards to all who remember him, particularly pre-War members of the O.H R.F.C

PETER FREITAG (1940-47) has become a Director of the firm he joined a few years ago in Darlington.

KENNETH C. GILLETT (1920-30) who has been abroad for many years, now lives in Amersham and was present at the Veterans' game at the end of the 1968/69 Season.

STEPHEN C. GRUNER (1956-63) who is presently with the R.A.F. in Bruggen, hopes to be back in the U.K. in November. Meanwhile he is training in anticipation of a call to turn out for the C XV

KENNETH J. LINFORD (1932-37) is now back in England after his tours of duty in Rhodesia and Malawi. As he wrote some ten days after his decade dinner, one hopes he hadn't been idle about notifying his return!

JON MAPLESDEN (1955-63) is due to complete the course for a Surveying Diploma at Otago University in December. As his wife is in favour of a visit to England, it is still conceivable that Jon could add to his 1st XV appearances for the O H R F C

RICHARD J.E. MARKS (1958-65) has gained an Upper Second Class B.Sc in Engineering at Southampton University.

JAMES C. MENHINICK (1927-32) went abroad again last September (after 4/5 months in Colindale Hospital) and is now based in Teheran. His firm is building plant to compress and process natural gas from the South Iran fields and to send it along 1000 miles of pipe line to Astara on the Caspian Sea. Jimmie is the Mechanical Engineering Inspector in charge of the installation of 8 large compressors. This work is expected to be completed during the Summer of 1970. He sends his salaams to contemporaries and pre-War members of the O.H.R.F.C

MICHAEL P. MIRE (1959-65) is editor of Cherwell during his last year at Oxford University.

ALAN E. MORRIS (1948-55) now practices at Warsash, near Southampton.

H. JACK S. RYMAN (1908-11) took his last court as Senior Deputy Chairman of Watford Magistrates on the last day of 1968. Before the court opened the Chairman spoke of Mr. Ryman's outstanding Service to the Bench over 35 years, during which he had served under five Chairmen. The Clerk of the Court seconded the Chairman's remarks and added that it had been a great privilege to serve under Mr. Ryman, who would be greatly missed. In reply Jack paid tribute to the training he had received from one particular Chairman, and to the guidance from "one of the finest Clerks in the country". Finally he said he had to agree with the Lord Chancellor regarding the retirement of JP's at 75. A few weeks previously Mr. Ryman had been to Buckingham Palace to receive the O.B.E. from her Majesty the Queen.

HUBERT SHIRLEY-SMITH C.B.E. (1910-19) was created a Knight Bachelor in the New York Honours List. He is the President of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

JOHN W. STEEDS (1951-58) has taken up an appointment as lecturer in Electron Microscopy in the H.W. Wills Physics Department at Bristol University

DAVID A. SUTCLIFFE (1951-57) joined the G.E.C. at Lynn, Massachusetts, early this year and is currently employed as a gas turbine design engineer. Soon after his arrival in the Boston area he was able to enjoy the worst blizzard for 12 years — part of the snowiest February this century! Consequently he had not, at that time, resumed his hooking career which had earlier taken him into the Buffalo University Side. David would welcome meeting any O.H. particularly if they are props!

JOHN W. VALENTINE (1952-59) was due to move to Buenos Aires at the end of June, but intended to take in the Riverboat Shuffle beforehand. It was thought that some of those at the 30/39 Decade Dinner had travelled reasonable distances, but CJR's grip on his floating dancers would appear

to be fairly firm. Anne reports that John has been promoted to Engineering Manager for Argentine Johnsons and is expected to double the working capacity of the factory during his tour of duty.

DAVID P. VANSTONE (1962-68) is on Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) until the late Summer. He is teaching at Kanjuri Secondary School and is regional sports master for all schools in the area. He plays for Mount Kenya R.F.C.

C. VINCENT-SMITH M.A., B.Sc., F.D. (1928-36) is now Head of Administration, The International Patents Institute, P.O. Box 5021, The Hague Netherlands.

PETER WESCOTT (1955-62) became an A.C.A. in February and was granted an M.A. by Cambridge University in the following month.

ROBERT A. WIDGERY (1952-59) has been playing for Retford 1st XV — when his training injuries have allowed! Bob spent 5 weeks on the touch-line after some vigorous work in the local gym. His only visit to London during the Rugby Season coincided with one of the periods of ice and snow so it wasn't possible to ascertain whether the ginger beard had grown any longer.

COLIN A. HERBERT (1951-56) moved to the Wirral area in the Spring for a two-year spell in Tate & Lyle's Liverpool factory.

JOHN A. ROBBINS (1946-53) is now a flight examiner on the Hercules aircraft based at Fairford. Since he considers South Cerney, Glos. is within easy reach of Boreham Wood, he threatens to appear there for the first time for several years.

PETER D. SUGG (1945-50) sailed in the QE2, at the end of May, for a two year tour in the Shell Oil Company's New York offices.

CHARLES N. POSTLE (1944-51) and BARRY J. BINGHAM (1953-60) were two of the Speakers on Computer Graphics at the internal seminar organised by International Computers Ltd. in the early Spring.

HABERDASHERS' OLD BOYS' LODGE No. 3362

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This year sees the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Lodge, and we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee at our regular April meeting. We had a very good muster of members and their guests to listen to our guest speaker, and altogether it proved a most enjoyable evening.

Our activities now cease for the summer, and we shall be starting again in October with a full programme for the 1969/70 season.

The Lodge meets four times a year, in London, on the third Saturday of October, December, February and April, and the Secretary will be pleased to give further information to any Old Boys or Masters who may be interested.

THIRD 1930–39 DECADE DINNER

Flashes of inspiration from O.H. are not particularly commonplace (at least where Association affairs are involved) but the one produced by Basil Blowfield, leading to the first of these meetings, was certainly of the highest order. Further proof of this was forthcoming on 18th April 1969, when Terry Alexander received the support of 52 others of his decade at the Clubhouse in Boreham Wood.

As he mentioned after the meal, seventeen of them were attending for the third time (Douglas Bellamy having again travelled down from Yorkshire — albeit, on this occasion he had arranged to stay in London overnight), while nineteen were appearing at such a function for the first time. Of the latter, Peter Brown had come from Scotland, Kenneth Norman and Dicky Small from Somerset, John Caulfield and Grahame Speaight from Cheshire, Geoffrey Hammond from Hampshire and George Spiers

from Wiltshire. The President also referred to the welcome reappearance of Allan Burton who, two years previously, had been prevented from making his trek from Northumberland because of eye trouble – now considerably improved. Another long-distance traveller was Bill Riley, but Terry insisted that the Surrey and Kent representatives (Gordon Pavey and Bobbie Holgate) were little more than locals especially as they attend pretty regularly. Since the members concerned left School at least 30 years ago, and those on the U.K. Register only number just over 170, a 30% turn-out is quite remarkable. Furthermore another 45 indicated their inability to attend, mostly with regret.

The President concluded his brief remarks with a word of thanks to John Hanson (without whose efficient organisation and assistance the "free" drinks would probably have to be discontinued), to the ladies (Gwen Blessley, Jan McLaren, Marianne Parker and Pat Vacher) and to the House Committee representatives who between them ministered the solid and liquid refreshments.

Those present were :–

President J.S. (Terry) Alexander (30)C
Guests: Derek G. Kenward (48)–Pres. O.H.R.F.C. & Donald A. Blessley (27)–Past-Pres. O.H.C.C.

Ronald A.F. Adams (37)S
E.H. (Charlie) Amstein (36)S
John N. Baggs (33)H
Keith Batchelor (39)J
Frank E. Beaven (36)R
Douglas E. Bellamy (35)J
Ronald A. Benge (38)J
Kenneth H. Blessley (32)C
J. Basil Blowfield (33)J
L.F. (Poppy) Brown (31)H
N. Peter Brown (35)H
Allan R. Burton (32)M
John A. Caulfield (33)H
T. Hadyn Clinton (37)C
Clifford G. Eagar (39)J
Idris C. Edwards (32)C
Geoffrey C. Eltringham (33)C
Henry M. Excell (34)M
Henry G. Feldman (32)C
John V. Goldsbrough (32)S
David H. Gooch (30)S
John L.B. Graham (34H
T. Finlay Graham (38)H
Geoffrey T. Hammond (35)C
Robert E. Holgate (36)J
W. John D. Hoste (38)M
Frank E. Howard (39)M
Geoffrey T.L. Hubert (35)H
N.E. Denis Hurst (32)R
S. Ray Innocenti (39)J
M.J. (Jumbo) Jackman (32)H
Ivan A. Kayes (32)C
Gerrard H. Kramers (32)R
Harry Levene (31)S
Derek I. Monnuckendam (38)S
J. Roy Newman (33)C
Kenneth J. Norman (35)J
C. Geoffrey O'Donoghue (37)H
Keith A. Olley (39)C
Gordon P. Pavey (39)S
Stanley Percivall (33)R
John C. Percy (33)C
B.M. (Bill) Riley (39)S
B.W.H.(Barney) Shanklands (31)S
E.J. (Dicky) Small (34)R
Ernie W. Smith (39)S
Grahame H.O. Speaight (33)S
George W. Spiers (36)C
S. Robert Stanes (36)H
W.R. (Nobbly) Tanner (35)H
Stanley Thompson (31)R
Jack A. Tout (31)M

CLUB NIGHTS

Club Nights have now been held for over a year and are well established in the O.H.A. Social Calender.

Every last Sunday in each month, up to 50 people gather at the Clubhouse where food is provided for their consumption, plus, of course, liquid refreshments of every sort from the bar. Table Tennis is also always available for those who wish to participate, together with the football machine and the darts board.

In addition, there is the other high light of the evening, when the monthly prize winner for the O.H.A. 100 Club is drawn. Here is your chance to see the winning number actually produced and then to relieve the lucky winner of some of his money, as he must, by tradition, buy all the unlucky non winners a drink.

These Club Nights can only be a continued success if you, as a member of the O.H.A., continue to support them. So please, do not forget – come along in strength on the –

LAST SUNDAY IN EACH MONTH.

See you there.

SIXTH FORM SUPPER

For the second year in succession, the O.H.A. invited senior members of the School Sixth Form to a supper at the Clubhouse on 21st March, 1969. About 60 members of the Sixth Form accepted the invitation.

Upon their arrival at the Clubhouse, they were received by our President and given cocktails. After this reception had been completed, our guests were then provided with supper and table wines.

In a brief speech after the meal the President of the O.H.A., J.S. Alexander, welcomed the members of the Sixth Form to the Clubhouse and added that he hoped that they would all enjoy themselves during the remainder of the evening. The Headmaster, Dr. T.W. Taylor, also spoke briefly, urging the boys to join the O.H.A. Finally, the Captain of the School replied, thanking the O.H.A. for inviting them all to the supper.

The formal part of the evening having been completed, the informal part was then enjoyed to the full by all those present. During this period of the evening the boys had the opportunity of meeting and talking to various representatives from the member clubs in the O.H.A.

In subsequent discussions with members of the Sixth Form who were present at this supper, they stated that the evening had been most enjoyable and they felt a great success.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

On Saturday, 17th May, 1969, the third annual Wine and Cheese Party was held in the Clubhouse.

A record number of members and their friends accepted the President's invitation to attend this function, and all those present appeared to most thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The variety of cheeses available for consumption was even more extensive this year than in previous years, as indeed also was the wine — with 12 different types of wine being provided, from sparkling wine, through various reds and whites to Hock. Needless to say, it was all drunk — not a drop being left.

An extremely enjoyable evening with good cheeses being eaten, good wine flowing, and good fellowship. The only thing that worries us is that there must have been a lot of very tired legs in North West London on Sunday morning, guessing from the large number of cars left in the car park over night, with their owners presumably walking home!! No comment!

DANCES

Since the last edition of these notes, three more successful dances have been held at the Clubhouse – at Christmas, at the beginning of March, and at the end of the Rugger Season in April.

As always the Clubhouse has been decorated for these dances, and at the Christmas Dance especially it was made to look most attractive.

Food is available always for the hungry hundreds, and the bar is open until Midnight.

The music at one dance was provided by a Discotheque, at the other two by live beat groups, and varied in tempo from the quickest and latest beat number, to nice slow smooching numbers.

For those O.H.A. members who have not yet sampled one of our dances, we would say that the groups which we have are of a very high standard, and with the Discotheque one gets the best of both worlds – the current top numbers by the current top artists.

Whilst the dances are well supported, never the less there is always room for a few more, and in particular we would like to see more O.H.A. members attending. Our dances have a very good reputation, always seem to be enjoyed thoroughly by those present (at least they always keep coming back for more!!), so make a note in your diary of the next dance on 1st November, and then make sure that you come. If of an older generation you can join your many friends in the back bar, where the senior club members always meet, complaining vigorously about the noise, but always coming back for more at the next dance; if younger, or young in spirit, then you can join the high jinks in the main part of the pavilion.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the last issue of the Notes (No. 154) the following gentlemen have been admitted to membership of the Association:–

R.H. Ambor (1968)	22 Elgin Road, London, N.22
C.H. Amstein (1968)	6 The Rutts, Bushey Heath, Herts.
P.M G. Barnes (1963)	Sunnyfield, Downs Road, South Wonston, Winchester, Hants.
D.G. Best (1968)	27 West Common Way, Harpenden, Herts
A C. Blessley (1968)	50 Brockley Avenue, Stanmore, Middx
K. Bose (1968)	31 Station Road, New Barnet, Herts.
T.H. Coad (1929)	10 Edenfield Gardens, Worcester Park, Surrey.
C.R. Done (1968)	22 Beechcroft Avenue, Finchley, N.3
D.J. Firman (1968)	82 Beverley Drive, Edgware, Middx.
A.J.E. Fitzsimmons (1968)	14 West Drive, Harrow Weald, Middx
M.J. Harris (1966)	8 Haslemere Avenue, Hendon, N.W.4.
A. Higham (1967)	365 Watford Way, Hendon, N.W.4.
D. Isaacs (1968)	1 Hollycroft Avenue, London, N.W.3
J. Leake (1968)	23 Nicoll Way, Boreham Wood, Herts
S. Levy (1968)	75 Salmon Street, Kingsbury, N.W.9.
I.D. Luder (1968)	14 Bromley Road, Southgate, N.14
P.R. Parham (1968)	High Trees, 21A The Avenue, Hatch End, Pinner, Middx
G.J. Pickering (1967)	38 Summit Way Southgate, N.14
R.G. Pilgrim (1968)	71 Evelyn Drive, Hatch End, Pinner, Middx
S.G. Roberts (1968)	23 Beech Avenue, Radlett, Herts.
D.E. Russell (1954)	The Hawthorns, Hurcott, Near Kidderminster, Worcs.
A P. Schon (1946)	2–3 Chalk Farm Road, London, N.W.1.
N S. Sloam (1968)	32 Cavendish Drive, Edgware, Middx.
D.M Thomas (1965)	70 Park Crescent, Harrow Weald, Middx.
C A. Waterman (1967)	11 Shirehall Close, Hendon, N.W.4
K.C. G. White (1968)	99 Corringham Road, London, N.W.11.

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We had another excellent season in 1968 under the genial captaincy of Basil Blowfield, who not only contrived rather better weather for our meetings than usual but also defied precedent by winning two of the major prizes during his year of office We again had some excellent meetings — particularly a very enjoyable Guests' Meeting which by special invitation of George Albutt, the Captain of Northwood, we held at that Club. Our match results were somewhat disappointing and the Grafton Morrish side again lost in the first round at Hunstanton. Principal prize winners were :—

Ryman Cup	J.B. Blowfield
Rugby Salver	A.J. Dean
Skylark Tankard	V English
President's Bowl	D. Best
Luke Aggregate Cup	J B. Blowfield

This years fixtures are:—

Date	Venue	Fixture	Time	Manager
Sat. 10 May	Ashridge	SUMMER MEETING	8.30 a.m.	Secretary
Fri. 23 May	Finchley	Old Elysians	5 p.m.	S. Thompson
Fri. 6 June	Finchley	Old Finchleyans	5 p.m.	S. Thompson
Sat. 7 June	Addington	Grafton Morrish	Qual. Round	E. Hyams
Wed. 18 June	To be fixed	U.C.S. Old Boys	5.30 p m.	Secretary
Wed. 2 July	Hendon	SUMMER MEETING	4 p m.	Secretary
Thurs. 3 July	Moor Park	O.M.T.	5 p.m.	Secretary
To be fixed	Porters Park	School	—	E. Hyams
Wed. 10 Sept.	Moor Park	GUESTS MEETING	9 a.m.	Secretary
Sat. 27 Sept.	Ashridge	AUTUMN MEETING	8 30 a m.	Secretary
3 — 5 Oct.	Hunstanton	Grafton Morrish Final Rounds	Final Rounds	E. Hyams

Anyone wishing to play in any of these matches should contact the team manager concemed, and I am always pleased to hear from any O H who may be interested in our activities

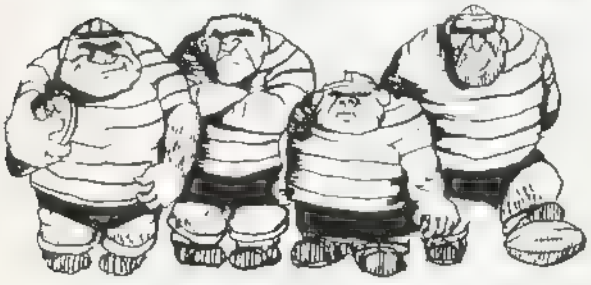
OLD HABERDASHERS' RIFLE CLUB

Hon. Secretary: N.R. Cooper, 133 Wades Hill N 21.

Regular Sunday shooting was held at the School range throughout the winter and this enabled the Club to enter two postal leagues. The Club was placed second in the "deliberate" league and once again won the "time limit" league, repeating the success of two years ago. In the subsequent shoot-off between the winners of the other "time limit" leagues the Club was again victorious and won the title of "small bore rapid-fire Champions of Hertfordshire".

The Club has had two practices at Bisley so far this season, and one match. This match was the "Past and Present" Competition for the Malvern Cup. The Club was placed fourth out of thirteen teams in this match, the winner being its old rival, Oakham

Old Haberdashers' R.F.C.



R.F.U. – M.C.R.F.U. – HERTS C.R.F.U.

FOUNDED 1923

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When these notes are read in July, the memory of the many disappointments of the past season will have faded and we shall be looking forward with every optimism to the start of the 1969/70 season

The Club record for 1968/69 is:

	Played	*Won*	*Drawn*	*Lost*	*For*	*Against*
1st XV	29	3	2	24	149	500
A XV	22	7	1	14	171	236
Ex A XV	22	3	–	19	146	360
B XV	15	6	–	9	127	199
C XV	14	3	1	10	175	237
Colts XV	1	1	–	–	11	9
Skylarks XV	4	–	–	4	17	94

The lack of success of the 1st XV can, perhaps, be partially attributed to the loss of Melvin Steele for the season, during the game against the Old Blues – 20 points in three games was Melvin's contribution before he was injured. Other injuries followed and our fixture list requires full strength teams every week and we have lacked reserve resources of the necessary calibre, though Barry Rolfe and Colin Blessley have come up from the A XV and made their places secure. During the season, Peter Shiells, in what is supposed to be his last year in the 1st XV, passed the 350 games mark, this being way ahead of any other outside, and Chris Robinson, unfortunately badly injured in the last game, Ray Kipps and John Boon have topped the 200.

The A XV have the best record of the Club and have obviously enjoyed their rugby, finishing with an excellent win over the Old Whitgiftians. Geoff Hyde has had a core of regulars – David Stern, Dick Cook and John Hanson to name a few – and this has undoubtedly helped, though like all the other XVs he has suffered from the injuries to the 1st XV players and what is far harder to combat, the irregular availability of players who should be playing most Saturdays

We have been very pleased to see our University players during the vacations – John Matthewman, Phil Chambers Clive Amstein, Tony Woolstone David Goy and Neil McGregor have all played for the 1st XV and the others have been prepared to fit into the other teams where required. Once again the Schoolboys have given us tremendous support during the Spring Term, 20 having played for the Club and of whom Fred Humber Roger Walters and Robin Barlow have made their 1st XV debut

Our link with the school is closer than ever before and we are very grateful indeed to the Headmaster and David Davies for not only allowing us the use of the School gymnasium for training, but also for permitting us to use a pitch and changing rooms during the time our ground was not available. Finally we come to Doug Yeabsley who, albeit at the latter end of the season, was prepared to give up an evening to take over the training and coaching of the Club. This was a start, and Doug has agreed to carry on next season, so now it is up to all players to attend these sessions and make full use of his knowledge and teaching. Our many thanks are due to Doug for his efforts

At Easter although success did not come our way on the field, it was a most enjoyable tour – our first in Cornwall The sun shone and the hotel on the sea front at Falmouth suited our party of 37 admirably. We would have liked to have seen more players on the tour especially as there were six games to play and the Skylarks XV found themselves rather up against it having to play the 2nd XVs of Penryn and Camborne. John Matthewman was a welcome addition to the outsides until he pulled a ham-string against Falmouth, having just scored a brilliant individualist try. Although we had little to shout about on the field the most encouraging feature of the play was the tackling of the outsides against Penryn

The Domestic Sevens were held at the end of the season, being won by the School VII who were entering for the first time

Our Annual Dinner was held at the Hendon Hall as usual with our President, Derek Kenward, in the chair and our principal guest being George Barry, the President of Middlesex R.F.U. A gathering of 160 were present for the occasion. Following last year's innovation, we again held a Beef & Beer party in the club-house after the international against Scotland, and with 83 attending it was again a successful and enjoyable evening.

The two committees which don't have their own columns in these notes – more is the pity – are the Ground & House Committees but we in the Rugby Club are very grateful indeed to both the Ground Committee, under Philip Alterman, and House Committee, under Eric Purcell for all the work they do on our behalf during the season. All they ask from our members is that they should help out when asked

Moving on to next season, Derek Kenward continues as President, Julian Littlewood is the new Club Captain with Barry Albone as vice-captain of the 1st XV. John Hanson is going to keep the A XV up to the mark, and the junior Captains are John Ridgley, Malcolm Knight and (the ever present) Alan Cooper. As a Club which wants to field at least five sides every Saturday we need the regular support of every player who can raise a trot. Julian Littlewood and Doug Yeabsley given the chance, will change this trot into a gallop.

The 1st XV start next season with an away fixture at Oxford, their first home game being on October 18th against K.C.S. Old Boys. The Old Boys Sevens tournament will be held on our ground on Sunday, 21st September and we look forward to seeing many of you on this occasion and on other occasions throughout the year.

OLD HABERDASHERS' RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1st XV 1968/1969



Back Row (Left to Right) :–
J.R. Parker (Touch-Judge), R.M. Cook, C.P. Blessley, B.J. Rolfe, A.P. Chilcott, R.J. Leverton, J.R. Owen, D.G. Kenward (President)
Middle Row (Left to Right) :–
C.J. Robinson, P.C. Stewart, B.R. Albone (Captain), P.C. Shiells, J. Littlewood,
Front Row (Left to Right) :–
J.E. Elliot, R.M. Kipps, J.E. Bartlett, D.J.L. Goy.

OLD HABERDASHERS' RUGBY FIVES CLUB

The Fives Club has just completed a most successful season, winning 18 of the 26 matches played. The more notable victories were those over the R.F.A., Jesters, and Oxford University Beavers.

There are two main reasons for this success; firstly the continuous improvement the club has shown in recent years under the Captaincy of John Whittenbury, secondly the large number of players who are eligible for the 1st IV, putting pressure on those actually selected. Both of these are partially due to the improvement of The School Fives Club.

The 1st IV usually consisted of Bryan Stark, John Whittenbury and Brian Dear with John Rotheroe or Edward Phillip-Smith being the fourth member. Richard Browne played when down from University, as did Mike Clayden who is to be congratulated on being included in the Cambridge Sparrows side against Oxford.

Fixture results:—

1st IV Results 1968–69 Season.

R.F.A. Club	H	October	5	W	94– 82
Jesters Club	H		12	W	110– 73
Cambridge University Sparrows	A	November	3	L	82–102
Denstone Masters	A		9	L	95–110
Denstone College	A		10	W	170–108
Clove Club	A		16	L	75–109
Dauntsey's School	A	December	1	W	120– 63
Old Merchant Taylors	A		4	L	39–120
Bristol University	A		7	Cancelled	
The School	H		10	W	101– 76
The Wastrels	H		14	W	111– 86
Rutlish School	A		21	W	180–100
Old Bedford Modernians	A	January	4	L	66–116
U.C.S. Old Boys	A		11	W	117– 74
Old Oundelians	H		14	W	104– 80
Christ's Hospital	A		19	W	120– 58
Bloxham School	A		25	W	181– 66
Oxford University Beavers	A		26	W	106– 86
Hell Fire Club	H	February	1	W	94– 87
London University Ravens	A		4	Cancelled	
Bank of England	A		8	W	111– 83
Old Blues	A	March	2	W	111– 82
Rutlish School	A		8	W	91– 78
Bristol University	H		12	Cancelled	
Whitgift School	A		15	L	79–111
D.J. Forbes IV	A		16	L	79– 88
Old Suttonians	A		23	W	173– 86
The School	H		25	L	84– 87
U.C.S. Old Boys	H		29	W	120–105

Played 26 Won 18 Lost 8

M.A. Clayden also represented Cambridge University Sparrows in their Annual Match against Oxford University Beavers.

Our thanks to the Headmaster for allowing us to play in The School Court.

OLD HABERDASHERS' CRICKET CLUB

President: J.A. Lidington, Esq. *Captain:* I.C. Smart.
Hon. Secretary: Roger Easterbrook, 58 Cassiobury Drive, Watford, Herts.

The report published in the last edition of the Notes states that "next season promises to be the best yet". To date there is little evidence of this.

Results up to and including May 26th are :

	P	W	L	D	Abandoned
1st XI	4	0	3	0	1
2nd XI	3	0	1	1	1
Sunday XI	4	2	1	1	0

A cricket team wins matches by scoring more runs than its opponents. Although to some extent the poor weather is not conducive to exciting stroke play, the fact that as yet no batsman in the 1st XI has played to known form means that bowlers are faced with an uphill task. Fortunately the Club has the bowlers to accomplish such tasks.

Already John Ridgley, in only 8 matches, has taken 37 wickets. Supported by Geoff Wheal, Roger Easterbrook and Ian Smart, he is always capable of winning matches on his own. We look forward to better weather and harder wickets for the batsmen to come into their own.

At the A.G.M. in March, Derek Kenward relinquished his Presidential role after 5 years in office. During this time Derek worked unsparingly to improve both the playing ability and amenities of the Club. He is owed a debt which can never be repaid. John Lidington, a former Captain of the Club, succeeds Derek as President; we wish him every success in his new post.

Another major change was the decision of Chris Robinson to resign from the Secretaryship. His successor is Roger Easterbrook. Anyone who has sat through a performance of Chris Robinson in person reading the minutes of a previous Committee meeting (which performance usually occupied more time and energy than the rest of the meeting) will know how hard he has worked; M.G.M. are rumoured to be buying the Screen rights to Chris's last offering. Seriously though, much thanks is due to Chris for keeping the administration going.

The 1st XI has to put up with the same faces for the third year running. Ian Smart (Captain) and Barry Albone (Vice-Captain) are constantly looking for new talent – anyone who feels he has this talent should contact either of them. There is no truth in the rumour that Barry is the heaviest roller the Club possesses.

John Whittenbury has laid down the mantle (or burden?) of the 2nd XI Captaincy after 3 years of hard labour. At the end of last season he was fortunate enough to see some of those labours rewarded. In his new role of 2nd XI wit and wicket-keeper he assures us that he enjoys his cricket as much as ever.

Although Chris Robinson is no longer Secretary he remains in office as 2nd XI Captain. At least, he intended to, but a combination of Old Dunstonians and sheer bad luck gave him a severe knee injury in the last 1st XV game of the season, an injury which may have ended his Rugby career. We understand that he will be able to play Cricket again, but probably not this season. Our commiserations to him on his unfortunate accident. Stephen Morgan has nobly stepped in to fill the breach, with Leigh-baby Strachan as his Vice-Captain.

Finally Keith Smart has taken over the Team – Secretaryship. All budding Bradman's should contact him at 19 West Heath Drive, London, N.W.11. (Tel: 458–3598).

Despite the air of pessimism which began this report, in fact we have much to be thankful for.

Devon Tour is nearly here again, and we look forward to 7 games in 7 days against friends old and new. Some of our University members will be joining us on Tour, and the batting malaise should be swept away in a fresh spirit of enthusiasm.

In many ways the second half of the season is harder than the first. It is always easier to do well when we are well supported. May we therefore appeal to all O.H. who wish to see some good cricket in the sunshine to join us on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon? You will be assured of a genial welcome and some exciting cricket. Please come along and support us. Home fixtures for the season are:–

Saturdays				Sundays			
May	3rd	1st XI	v Northwood	April	27th	v	Knotty Green
	10th	2nd XI	v Amersham Hill	May	4th	v	Hunting Surveys
	17th	1st XI	v Bushey		11th	v	Addison
	24th	2nd XI	v Old Millhillians		18th	v	St. Nicholas O.B.
	26th B/H	2nd XI	v Totteridge		25th	v	Old Gaytonians
	31st	2nd XI	v Laings Sports Club	June	1st	v	Old Tauntonians
June	7th	1st XI	v H.S.A. Hatfield		8th	v	Chesham Bois
	14th	1st XI	v Old Cholmelians		15th	v	Wembley Park
	21st	2nd XI	v Bentley Heath		22nd	v	Orange Hill O.B.
	28th	2nd XI	v Harpenden Ferndale		29th	v	Buckhurst Hill
July	5th	2nd XI	v Pinner	July	6th	2nd XI	v Old Columbans
	12th	3rd XI	v School		13th	1st XI	v President's XI
	19th	2nd XI	v New Acme		20th	v	North Mymms
	26th	1st XI	v Albanian Association		27th	1st XI	v U.C.S. O.B.
August	2nd	2nd XI	v Adastrians	August	3rd	v	Radlett
	9th	2nd XI	v Old Uffingtonians		10th	1st XI	v Elstree
	16th	2nd XI	v Perivale		17th	v	Shenley
	23rd	1st XI	v Old Elizabethans		24th	v	N.W. Polytechnic
	30th	1st XI	v Old Fullerians		31st	v	Friern Manor

Principal 1st XI Away Fixtures

Saturdays				Sundays			
May	10th	v	Amersham Hill	July	6th	v	Old Merchant Taylors
	24th	v	Old Millhillians				
	26th B/H	v	Marlow				
	31st	v	London Hospital				
July	5th	v	Pinner				
	12th	v	School				
	19th	v	Gothic				
August	2nd	v	Economicals				
	9th	v	Old Stationers				
	16th	v	Perivale				
September	1st (B/H)	v	Totteridge				

Devon Tour

June	21st	v	Seaton
	22nd	v	Budleigh Salterton
	23rd	v	Doghouse C.C.
	24th	v	Seare-Hayne A.C.
	25th	v	Kilmington
	26th	v	Sidmouth
	27th	v	Exeter University


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